

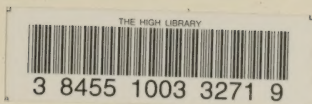
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THE ORGANIZATION
and
THE EARLY HISTORY
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ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

Written from the classroom and the office

by

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DEDICATION

To those who struggled with me in the
"Beginning Days", and to those who came
after, and to those who shall be in the
future days -

The Teachers, and

The Students, and

The Boards of Trustees, and

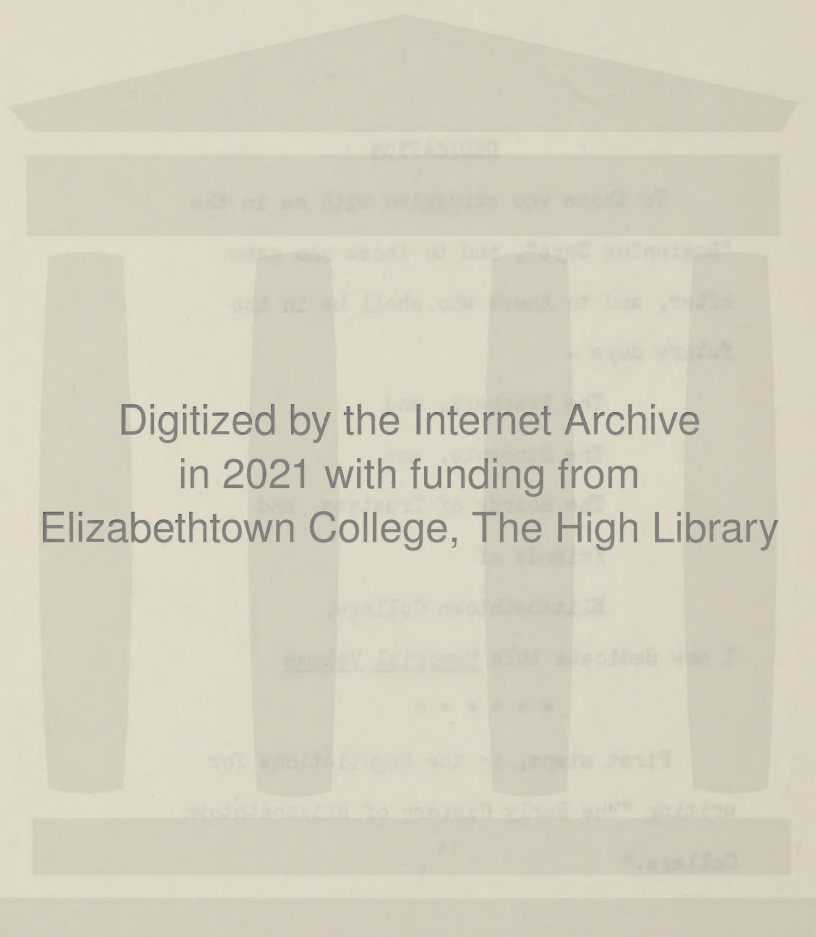
Friends of

Elizabethtown College,

I now dedicate this Memorial Volume

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First steps, in the Negotiations for
writing "The Early History of Elizabethtown
College."



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Preliminary Conference with the Committee of the Board of Trustees

A card from the president

Elizabethtown, Pa.
January 18, 1937

Dear Brother Falkenstein:

On Friday morning, January 22, there will be a meeting of the College presidents at the Penn Harris Hotel in Harrisburg. Brother Ober and I should like to have a conference with you relative to the writing of the early history of the college that morning at 9:00 o'clock at the Penn Harris. We should like to meet you in the main lobby near the elevators. We shall then have an hour before the association of College Presidents goes into session. Please drop me a card at once as to whether you can be there at 9 o'clock Friday morning, January 22.

Fraternally,

R. W. Schlosser

(this card was lost for one month in transit, so the conference did not take place.)

("Let's try again.")

Elizabethtown College
Elizabethtown, Pa.
March 17, 1937

Dear Brother Falkenstein:

Well, let's try again. Could you come to the College at our expense on Monday afternoon, March 22 at 1:30 o'clock. If you cannot come, please telephone to us and reverse the charges.

Fraternally yours,

R. W. Schlosser

Reply

Harrisburg, Pa.
R. 3
March 19, 1937

Dear Brother Schlosser:

Your letter, showing energy, activity, and accomplishment, came duly

to hand.

Well, it is interesting and indicating you are in your prime.

The Lord willing, I hope to meet the appointment you suggest:

Monday, March 22, 1937, 1:30 P. M. at the College.

Fraternally,

G. N. Falkenstein

"I am recuperating."

(Comments)

I met the Committee as arranged, at Elizabethtown College in the president's office. The Committee from the Board of Trustees consists of Elder H. K. Ober, ex-president of the College, and president of the Board, and Elder Ralph W. Schlosser, President of the College.

This then was our first Preliminary Conference in a formal meeting but entirely informal as relating to the matter before us. Our discussions were somewhat general and considerable consideration was given to the value and importance of the source materials in my private and personal records in my notes and diaries.

The importance and necessity of writing the "Early History" as soon as possible was stressed by the committee, inasmuch as there is no other source material of the "Beginnings".

This conference, of course, was, therefore, a very important one, since it was an organized beginning.

I requested a copy of the Official action of the Board of Trustees in their Preliminary act relative to "The History", and received the following reply:

Elizabethtown College
Elizabethtown, Pa.
April 8, 1937

Elder G. N. Falkenstein
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
R. D. 3

Dear Brother Falkenstein:

Brother Ober called at my office this morning and asked me to send you the minutes relative to your recent appointment. The minutes to your recent appointment read as follows:

"It was moved that a committee be appointed to interview Elder G. N. Falkenstein with reference to writing the history of the College - Committee, H. K. Ober and R. W. Schlosser. Date January 1, 1937

I hope you are getting a start on this project which is of great (importance) interest to us. I presume Brother Ober told you that we found the minute book containing the minutes from the very beginning of the College. This would have been an irreparable loss had we been unable to find our early minutes.

Faternally yours,

R. W. Schlosser, President

Elizabethtown College
Elizabethtown, Pa.
7/15/37

Dear Brother George,

What progress can I report to the Board meeting on July 20 relative to the History of the College? Enclosed is a card for an immediate reply.

Prospects for the fall term look very good.

Faternally yours,

Ralph W. Schlosser

My Reply

Harrisburg, Pa.

R. 3

7/17/37

My dear Brother Ralph,

You can report "progress" to the Board. I had determined some time ago that I want to begin the actual writing of the History on my 78th Birthday anniversary. This I was enabled to do and I was writing, Beginning of "The Beginnings" when I received your letter in my "birthday mail" yesterday.

I cannot go into details at this time, but suffice, the materials I have gathered the past months is much more extensive than expected.

Glad for the prospects for the coming school year.

Love and best wishes to you and all the Board.

Fraternally yours,

G. N. Falkenstein.

From Schlosser and the Board

Elizabethtown College

Elizabethtown, Pa.

July 22, 1937

Elder G. N. Falkenstein

R. D. 3

Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Brother Falkenstein,

Many more happy returns on your seventy-eighth birthday! We pray the good Lord may give you strength and grace to serve our church and constituency, for many more years.

I reported what you had written in your letter to the Board of Trustees in their meeting on Tuesday. In fact I read your entire letter to the Board of Trustees in their meeting. They are glad to know that you had actually begun on the writing on the beginnings and are very eager that

you push the project just as fast as your helath will permit. We are very eager to preserve the information you possess concerning the beginnings of our institution. We all know there is no one who has the facts at hand as you have. Some time in the near future either Dr. Ober or I shall call to see you with reference to the work you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. Schlosser, President

SO THE WORK BEGINS

INTRODUCTION

I.

Introductory Note

I think I should write this brief note, in order to cover in a brief way the preliminary Period from the first negotiations and succeeding official steps of the Board of Trustees and its Committee, to the time of the actual beginning of the writing of "The Early History of Elizabethtown College".

It is possible, I may find it necessary to expand this "Introductory Note" so that it will become the "Introduction" to the Book, (The History.)
End of copy.

II. The logical and inevitable expansion has followed. It had become very apparent for some years that as one after another of those who had any active interest in the founding of the College, passed away, there were no records of Historical Facts left by any of them. This was a great surprise to me, but I can understand that their interest had been largely from the outside, through the Board of Trustees. Realizing this condition of affairs, Elder Ralph W. Schlosser, President of the College, and others, about three years ago began to awaken interest in obtaining from me such source materials as I could gather from my private, personal records. (See Preface)

III. I have now for some time been the last surviving, or Charter member of the original Board of Trustees, the only one living that was in touch and part of the working force of the Board in the founding.

IV. Organizing the New Institution

As secretary of the Board of Trustees from the beginning, there was plenty of work in correspondence; and keeping track of the actions of the Board; and on several committees during the building period of the first building. Before all these exacting duties, I had been Secretary of all the Public Meetings as well as of the Locating Committee.

It is impossible to state here more than a few brief words in outline of tasks and problems involved in these preparatory steps. Items of importance will appear in detail in their proper place in the following pages.

The matter of preparing a catalog and other advertising material; the work of organizing the departments; laying out courses of study to meet the requirements of the curriculum (in fact make the curriculum) the field work to obtain students; attending to the correspondence; conduct the office business; attend to the discipline of the school, if any; and many other details; all depended upon me as the responsible head, responsible for what was already in the making, but also what should be in the making, for the future.

George N. Falkenstein

PREFACE

Elders H. K. Ober and R. W. Schlosser, members
of the Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College,
Elizabethtown, Pa.

My dear Brethren in our common cause:

In accepting the task as requested by the Board of Trustees through you, to write the historical facts of the "Organization, and Early History of Elizabethtown College". I deem it wise to set down in connected form for our mutual understanding something of the plan and purpose I have had in mind, in the absence of definite instructions from you and your Board.

In the first place, it must be understood that the basis of this history is the "written records" made by me at the time when these things were enacted that are now history. No memory is good enough to write history thirty nine years after happening, unless it is some comment by way of explanation on the "Written Record," which are especially of two kinds, the entries in my personal, private diaries; and more extended notes for special dates and special occasions which required more than ordinary amount of space. Often of special interest are the diary entries which indicate the execution of plans and decisions passed upon by the Board of Trustees. But a much larger interest must always attach to the policy in "Organization," and the growth and development of the curriculum in accordance with the original and fundamental plans and purpose. I do not deem it necessary to apologize for the unavoidable use of the personal pronoun which is a fixed part of these records.

My "Written Records" are much more extensive than I anticipated and I have, therefore, decided to make this a "Volume of Source Material", into which the future historian may look, and select such things as his plan

and the occasion may require. I trust I may be able to add from time to time to this "Source Material", such notes and records on Special events and occasions as are not now available because they were too extended for diary entries. I much regret that these "diary notes" were not put up in better form. They were written in simple daily accounts with no thought for the future except my own personal interest.

I wish that I may not in vain express the hope that the present and future heads and leaders of the institution will contribute their share of their time to a great Epic.

I hope and pray that as those of recent years, and of the present, shall learn a little more of the early struggles as well as the plans and purposes for the future they will appreciate the heroic devotion of the founders, and their Alma Mater a little more.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ enable you to carry on in your day, and may your administration of our College continue to honor Him.

Fraternally yours,

George Ness Falkenstein

LONG LIVE ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE!

(The end of Preface)

On Founders' Day Anniversary Celebration

November 13, 1930

I had the honor of delivering the anniversary address. In that address I discussed some early and very important themes that fit well into this "Early History", and I, therefore, quote in part as indicated.

This address of course is also based on my "Written Records."

ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS FROM THE COLLEGE CATALOG

January 1931

College Alumni Edition

Elder G. N. Falkenstein, First President of the College

Elder G. N. Falkenstein delivers anniversary address. Thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of Elizabethtown College celebrated. Delivers address giving history of the founding of the College.

On Thursday evening, November 13, 1930, Elder G. N. Falkenstein formerly President of the College and the former pastor of the Germantown Church of the Brethren, delivered the following address in which he presented some of the details of the founding of Elizabethtown College.

(Quoted from the Address)

Introduction

I am convinced that the founders of Elizabethtown College did not especially think of writing history, but when the history of the Church of the Brethren in this great Eastern District of Pennsylvania will be written, Elizabethtown College will be written large to cover the field of the educational activity of the Church. Indeed, if the complete history of Elizabethtown College, recorded and unrecorded, were written today, it would fill a large volume.

Probably the time will soon come when we should have a record of the biographical facts of the Founders; and I want to write that word with a capital (F) but the work accomplished, the service rendered, and the good to humanity, are vastly more important than mere biography.

My aim, therefore, tonight in this brief discussion is not the biography of the founders. It is rather to make a brief review of their high ideals and purposes, courageous faith, and their indomitable spirit, of determination to lay into the foundation of this College enduring princi-

ples. I shall consider not the outward and material shell of wood and brick and mortar and stone and material equipment, but the teachers within who shall so train and develop the learners at their feet that they shall go out and do the things that are worth while in all lines of endeavor in human society.

ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS

Development of School Sentiment

For some time there was among the leaders of the Church of the Brethren a gradual development of sentiment for a school of higher education, beyond the public schools, that should meet the needs of the rising generation in strongly rural communities.

The district was situated in the midst of the largest normal schools in the state and the young people of the church were training more and more for teaching in the public schools. It was far to our own schools and thus there was added to the inconvenience much extra expense, and comparative few went. In consequence many drifted into other schools and were lost to the Church of the Brethren. Some went to academies and normal schools, and some to nearby college. In a careful study of the field it was discovered that there would soon be about two hundred young people of our church who should be looking beyond the curriculum of the public school. It seemed a reasonable expectation that when such a number would be reached there should be a possible fifty percent for our own school if such a school were established. Furthermore, there would likely be local patronage and other non-Brethren groups equal to the number from our own Brethren homes, so that before many years there should be an enrollment of two hundred for the year. The calculation proved to be good mathematics and it helped to crystalize sentiment on a definite and tangible basis, but there was some opposition, and there were some sermons

preached against the movement to establish a college, both within and without the Church of the Brethren.

The Public Meeting at Reading

While there was a growing sentiment in favor of a college movement, and the sentiment was crystalizing toward a definite purpose as noted in the foregoing paragraphs, the first real step forward came at the time of the first public meeting in the Church of the Brethren in Reading.

(Note: Elder John Herr, elder-in-charge of the Reading Church, authorized the call of this public meeting in the Reading Church.)

This meeting is an interesting study from different angles. The audience was representative and unexpectedly large, and it showed a definite expression of interest. It is a very significant fact that there were not only Brethren and Sisters of the Church of the Brethren present, but some of their children. There was a forenoon and afternoon session. The different points of view brought out in the discussions were of great value in creating sentiment toward a common goal and in compromising on extremes.

In view of the foregoing facts, I think there should be added some specific things in a definite way. The meeting was important for several reasons:

1. It was the first public meeting.
2. It was representative
3. There were different views as to the need for such a school.
4. There was a frank discussion of opinion on the points of view.
5. The conclusions arrived at were practically unanimous
6. It prepared the way for future, more important, and far-reaching public meetings

7. Important in itself, and for its own sake, for the definite steps taken to proceed with this educational project.
8. It afforded, and the public meetings that followed, the opportunity for the represented membership of the whole District to choose its own leadership, to carry forward this epoch-making college movement and the membership has shown its appreciation by cooperating to make this union arrangement permanent.

The Setting in "my Diary"

Educational Meeting

Partly cloudy, with a little rain and sleet in the night. (Terrific snow storm three days ago.) A meeting to consider the advisability of establishing a school in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. A surprising meeting of most excellent spirit. See my complete minutes (notes) as Secretary of the meeting, (also additional notes, written 12/1, in Y.M.C.A. Hall, Germantown.) Went by trolley to Wayne Junction - by steam car to Columbia Avenue, and then to Reading, - arrived 10:03 A.M. Sessions 10:15 to 12:15 and 1:45 to 4:00. I preached in the Brethren Meeting House at 7:30 P. M.

I remained all night with Brother Nyce.

A locating committee appointed (elected) of which I am secretary. The committee to report to a future Public Meeting. See further.

The Public Meeting At Reading

Organizing for Work

The meeting was called to order by Brother J. G. Francis who had sent out the postal cards, and the following organization was effected: Elder John Herr, Elder-in-charge of the Reading Church, and who had sponsored the meeting, was elected Moderator, and thus he became the first elected official of the public meeting. Elder G. N. Falkenstein, of Germantown,

Pa., was elected Secretary. Elder William M. Howe, pastor of Norristown, conducted the devotional exercises. The Moderator then stated the object of the meeting.

Some Comments and further details of this Meeting
from my minutes and notes

Brother Francis then read some correspondence from a number of prominent Brethren expressing favorable sentiment for a school in Eastern Pennsylvania and tried to show the need of a school in our District that was of a higher standard. Brother Francis then moved that we, in the fear of God, proceed to establish a school in Eastern Pennsylvania. This motion was seconded by Brother F. F. Holsopple of Parkerford, Pa. At Elder Falkenstein's suggestion this motion was not put to a vote in order that there might be a fuller discussion of this important movement. Brother Francis then argued the necessity of a school. Elder J. H. Longenecker, of Palmyra, said that he was in favor of education, but our State District was not united on this question and this was shown by the small representation at this meeting. He said that much prejudice exists against higher education in our Church. Elder H. E. Light, of Mountville, expressed himself favorable to the movement of starting a school. He said we do not have too many schools and cannot educate too much, but our children need to be educated in our own schools and especially in a school that is loyal to the Church.

There was no cut-and-dried program for the ratification of the meeting. The meeting made its own program and decided its plan for future action, and left its vital imprint upon succeeding steps in the development of the College movement. There was a free rostrum for inquiry, suggestion, and discussion. There was little use for parliamentary ruling. Speeches were not limited in number or length of time.

After hours of deliberation, the conclusions reached were the thought and wish of the meeting in the aggregate.

There was no stenographic report of the meeting. Such a report would be interesting reading today. We must confine ourselves, however, to the brief details of the Secretary's record to help us interpret the psychology and philosophy of this great movement.

There was considerable pressure in the meeting at this point to decide at once upon the building of the proposed school. Brother Francis read a paper from Ephrata inviting the school to locate here. Brethren E. B. Lefever and Samuel Kulp, of Ephrata were present to represent the people of that town and stated a number of advantages that the place offered for the new school.

The Genus and Spirit of these Public Meetings

Before leaving this first public meeting, and record its final act, I wish to emphasize its significance and great importance in principle. It was the old principle of the "New England Town Meeting" over again - a conference effort to get the view of the people. It was the fundamental principle of our democratic form of church government, whether in the congregation or the District, or the National Councils. The Public Meetings in a very large sense determined and developed the genus and spirit of this College, and today two great Conference State Districts with their thousands of members support Elizabethtown College, and through their elected representatives have a directing control.

Future generations may study with profound interest the unique founding of Elizabethtown College.

Passed One Formal Motion

A motion was passed that a committee of five be elected by ballot to take preliminary steps for finding a location for establishing a Brethren

School in this District, and report to a future meeting.

This was a conservative approach to the solution of the big problem.

Note the following:

- (1). A Committee of five.
- (2). A Committee elected by ballot.
- (3). Brethren and Sisters voted in this election.
- (4). There was no power of decision, as to a school, or where to locate it.
- (5). The meeting instructed the Committee to decide upon a time and place for the next Public Meeting and report.
- (6). The Committee to take preliminary steps for finding a location.

So by a single motion, the Public Meeting transformed itself from a conference of deliberation to a working organization.

The Committee

The ballot resulted in the election of Elder John Herr, Elder J. H. Longenecker, Elder H.E. Light, Elder G. N. Falkenstein, and E. B. Lefever.

The Committee organized by electing Elder John Herr, Chairman, and Elder G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary.

The following took part in the discussions of this First Public Meeting: John Herr, G. N. Falkenstein, J. H. Longenecker, H. E. Light, William M. Howe, J. G. Francis, F. F. Holzopple, E. B. Lefever, Samuel Kulp, and others whose names are not recorded.

The Diary record states the meeting closed at 4:00 and the preaching services were at 7:30 P. M., November 29, 1898.

The Committee on Location,

elected November 29, 1898.

During this Period, The Committee was: (1st), To take preliminary steps for finding a location; and (2nd), to decide on the time and place

for the next Public Meeting and report.

The Committee on Location

From the foregoing definite statements, it will be seen that this was not a Locating Committee, but a Committee on Location. There were some important changes in the personnel of this Committee. Elder John Herr resigned on account of ill health, and the committee elected Elder S. H. Hertzler, of Elizabethtown, a member of the committee in his stead. No one realized the might of this undertaking assigned, and no one ever found out except the members who served on this committee, the major part of which, however, fell on the secretary in the way of preliminary steps for the committee. There was a good deal of office work connected with these preliminary steps, of finding a place or places. There was much correspondence necessary, and some advertising before visiting places and viewing sites. Elder J. H. Longenecker also had resigned, but his resignation was not accepted, though he never served on the committee.

The Period of the Committee on Location

from November 29, 1898 to April 4, 1899

Thus begins a new epoch, entirely different from any other preliminary step before or after this. The Committee's work was limited in its scope by the Public Meeting, but all work done during this period in the school movement was done by this committee or through its secretary as officially directed by the committee. This agency alone occupied the field for this new educational venture.

After organizing the committee directed the secretary to advertise and to correspond with applicants (whether individuals or towns) and if need be visit places in order to determine whether or not such place shall be visited by the entire committee.

THE NEW PERIOD

The Committee Begins

I was anxious to avail myself of any chance to widen more horizons of the field, and make known the action and plan of the "Educational Meeting" at Reading the day before.

Diary entry for 11-30-1898

A little threatening weather in the morning, then with considerable brightness the snow melted a good deal.

Reading and Chester County

I left for Chester County at 10:00 (Pottstown 274) and arrived at Brother W. W. Kulp's (a Juniata schoolmate) home a little before 12:00 in the country, 3 miles. I took dinner there. He was not at home, so his father took me to interview old Brother Jonas Lupold, and old Sunday School Superintendent who taught Sunday School in 1844. I had an interesting inquiry. Brother Kulp then took me to near Parkerford. I walked to Parkersford and then to Spring City, 3 miles, then to Royersford and to Brother Jesse Zieglers, nearly three miles more. Hard walking through slush, mud and snow-drifts.

Brother Ziegler was not at the Reading Educational Meeting and took no part in these early steps, and the "Period of the Committee on Location".

Thursday, December 1, 1898 (at Brother Ziegler's home)

(This is all the record in my diary of the important meeting I had the evening after the Reading "Educational Meeting" with Brother Ziegler but he attended the next "Public Meeting" (the first one at Elizabethtown) and joined forces with us after these early struggles.

(The reason why no record in my diary for this meeting appears the next day)

Friday, December 2, 1898 - Reaction of my Trip (Illustrations of the work of this Period)

In these pages of this "Period" I aim to select such instances and

character of experiences, that will show the kind of work needed and to some extent the field occupied by this important preliminary development.

Diary - Wednesday, January 11, 1899 (In Norristown)

At Norristown to look up the place as a possible school location for school in East Pennsylvania.

Coldest morning of the winter. Clear, bright, cold all day but moderating some.

The morning was intensely cold. The coldest of the winter. We were rather late. I dreaded going to Norristown. I made a rather late start. I started about 10:00, and after some delays arrived in Norristown at 11:30. Went to Brother J. Howard Ellis, and took dinner with his family. After dinner I went down to the Peoples Bank to see him. He took me to "Hon". or Prof. John W. Loch, owner of Trumont Seminary, and I had a long talk with him. See catalogue and my notes of information to report to committee on Location. Then we all three went to see the buildings. Took a long look. I preached in the Brethren Church in Norristown in the evening, Matt. 16:26. Came home after services about 10:45. Retired 11:30. I hope the day was of some profit.

Sunday, January 15, 1899

Brother Ziegler's surprise. In the evening about 9:30 there was a rap at the door and when I opened there stood Brother Jesse Ziegler having come from Norristown Meeting. I was surprised. We retired at 11:15 or later.

Monday, January 16, 1899

Talk! Talk! Talk! "School". This was a busy day in an old fashioned visit with Brother Ziegler. The day was largely spent in talk, comparing notes, and plans and discussion of church work. Quite a good deal of time was spent on plans and prospects, etc., of the school contemplated for this district. In the afternoon we went to the city to attend to some

business. In the evening we talked until after 11:00.

Tuesday, January 17, 1899 (Brother Ziegler leaves at noon)

Brother Ziegler and I spent the forenoon, as also yesterday, in talking.

Elder John Herr was Moderator of the "Reading Educational Meeting (The First Public Meeting)" and was elected a member of The Committee On Location. In organizing our Committee, we elected him Chairman, but resigned the same evening of the Meeting, giving as his reason "ill health".

I much desired to visit him and have an interview with him, and the following account from my Diary shows how I availed myself of such a chance when it seemed to be afforded not too far away.

"Going to Lansdale to visit and interview Elder John Herr"

Diary, Friday, January 20, 1899

I was busy forenoon at home. In the afternoon I went to visit sick. Then I went to Wayne Junction and took the train for Lansdale. Elder John Herr is holding a series of meetings in the Hatfield Brethren Church. I wanted to have a conference with him regarding the school project in Eastern Pennsylvania, and had a talk on church work in general. He preached German about 45 minutes. He followed in English about 25 minutes. We stayed all night at Brother Hillary Krauthamel's. We talked until 1:30 A.M.

Saturday, January 21, 1899

Brother Herr and I did not rise very early. After breakfast, we had quite a long talk, and then visited a sick Sister, Brother Krauthamel's sister. Spent some time in devotional exercises, exhortation and prayer. Shortly after that I bade good-bye. Brother Krauthamel's hired man took me to Colmar and I left for home at 10:36.

Preparation for Sunday. Sermonizing some routine work, some District work, correspondence, etc. Tired out. I did not accomplish a great deal in afternoon. I tried to retire early and succeed in a measure.

An unexpected Conference with Elder T. T. Myers

Diary, Tuesday, January 31, 1899

I was anxious to see him about the work. Brother Myers and I spent a pleasant four hours in talking about church work, his school plans, the prospect of establishing a school in Eastern Pennsylvania. I came home about 5:00. Brother Myers preached in the evening.

Brother J. A. Long of York, Pa., failed to come Sunday to begin the Series of Meetings in Germantown as we had arranged so I kept up the Meetings until he came.

Brother Myers became permanently interested in the new school venture and was present on the day I opened school with a brief public program.

SCHOOL MEETING, NORRISTOWN (A meeting to boost public sentiment in Norristown
See also January 11, 1899, page 20.)

Diary, Wednesday, February 22, 1899

I attended to some needed work at home, routine, such as each day brings with it. At 10:00 I started to Norristown to attend the School Meeting at the Brethren Meeting House.

This meeting was called to consider how we might proceed to secure the contemplated Brethren School at Norristown.

See my notes on the day's proceeding among my file of records concerning the School Movement. The meeting was quite interesting - good attendance. The members had provided an elaborate dinner at Brother Rittenhouse's. I came home about 5:00. I spent some time on records in the evening.

(This was my second call at Norristown)

Diary, Friday, February 24, 1899.

I was writing some letters to the other members of the School locating Committee of which I am Secretary.

(Some such record occurs many times. Here it comes in a little different form!)

Diary, Tuesday, February 28, 1899.

Considerable correspondence and planning as Secretary of School Locating Committee.

This also meant answer of inquiries and furnish such information as the case required.

Well it all went with the honor of being secretary to the Committee on Location.

THE PERIOD OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCATION

Since the Educational Meeting at Reading.

November 29, 1898, the work of the "Committee on Location" was done through the office of the Secretary and by him as the Committee had directed at the time of the election at the Reading Meeting.

About the middle of February, 1899 the Committee decided to meet and start off to view the various offerings reported by the Secretary for up to this time the work had been done for the Committee by him.

THE COMMITTEE BEGINS ITS WORK

Diary, March 6, 1899

See extensive correspondence and records on the History of this movement from last November until now. Public Meeting, Committee's work from time to time, plans, resignations, etc., etc.

Our School Locating Committee for Eastern Pennsylvania visits Mountville, Columbia and Ephrata. Elder H. E. Light, E. B. Lefever, Samuel H. Hertzler, and myself.

Bright, beautiful day, like Spring, even warm. I called the day "a weather breeder" not realizing how truly I spoke.

According to plans (for some weeks) the Committee met at Mountville at 10:00 A.M. Members present: Elder H. E. Light, Samuel H. Hertzler, and myself. We waited until 10:30 when Brother E. B. Lefever came. We at once

proceeded to view the Mountville Site. East of North Mountville, six acres on a high hill. We then proceeded to Brother B. Mussers where we took dinner. Renewing school acquaintance with Sister Myra (daughter). After dinner walked to East Columbia to view site on land of East Columbia, Lancaster County and land of Brother B. Musser. Spent some time on the grounds and then walked to the depot about one mile and took the train at 3:40 P.M. for Ephrata. We arrived at 5:00 P. M., viewed the site in the town, of five acres offered. Beautiful for situation and location, after which we put up at the hospitable home of A. W. Mentzer. After supper we had a pleasant talk until after 10:00; largely Scriptural subjects and church work, church music, etc. We had a very busy day and I was tired. It was a delightful day and we made hay while the sun was shining.

The offers of these towns and places were in the form of land (from $4\frac{1}{2}$ - 6 acres) by public Spirited men.

Many of these and others are really very desirable for situations.

See the offers, my notes, etc., recorded and on file.

Brother Keller called part of the evening.

Diary, Tuesday, March 7, 1899. Snow! (See minutes and records on file)

At Ephrata, Pottstown, Norristown, and back to Pottstown.

To our great astonishment when we awoke this morning it was snowing and had been for some time. It was biting cold and blowing quite a good deal and soon the snowstorm increased in fierceness and in quantity of snow falling.

After breakfast and family worship at Mentzers we went through their store and through the public school, being introduced to all the teachers and then went to the depot, taking the 8:40 A. M. train for Reading.

To my surprise, found Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction on the train and we had a very pleasant (and to me profitable) talk on the train all the way to Reading. He asked our mission

and he and I talked school matters all the way. We waited about thirty minutes at Reading and arrived at Pottstown at about 10:57. Met Committee of Board of Trade. Took dinner, at 1:04 went to Norristown, viewed Trumont Seminary buildings, met directors of Peoples Bank, viewed site, returned to Pottstown in the evening.

Details are not recorded of our splendid entertainment by the Board of Trade at the Hotel and meeting folks, etc. The terrific grind of these days was beginning to tell, and some very interesting things failed to get into my diary.. They probably can be found in my notes and minutes in my Committee records.

Dr. Schaeffer was much interested and he remained very friendly to the "Institution" the rest of his life.

Diary, Wednesday, March 8, 1899

Shivering on the Hills around Pottstown. Cold drives for many miles. Clear, I think, about all day, but it was biting cold and blowing hard. The snow did not melt. It was real winter weather, freezing cold in the morning, especially.

And that is all for this day. The large blank space that was to have been filled when I reached home is still blank and has been for forty long years and will remain. It is a

"MEMORIAL"

Some reasons why that space was not filled on my return, a large accumulation of work on desk, and some sickness in the family. A very brief recital for the next day follows, that includes an item of History for this Period.

THE COMMITTEE ON LOCATION ENDS ITS PROGRAM

Diary, Thursday, March 9, 1899

I was tired and really dull today. A reaction from my trip which was tiresome. I had a poor night.

I attended to some needful correspondence, made a report to the Board of Health on Burials in our Cemetery, correspondence to mission Board, and the Publishing House, helping to care for the baby, and direct the other children. Made some records in my diary and wrote Minutes of School Committee.

Church Prayer Meeting

Diary, Friday, March 10, 1899

(And the accumulation still hangs on)

I spent much time on records, diary, etc., of some work done in School Locating Committee, planning and praying in these financial matters; etc.

Diary, Saturday, March 8, 1899

Desk work - correspondence. Considerable time on my school records, as secretary of public meeting and secretary of Locating Committee

(Well, here comes a Day of Climax)

Diary, Thursday, March 27, 1899

Writing and printing and mailing postal card notices of the School Meeting, April 5.

Aside from some home work, routine in character, this day was largely devoted in doing one thing, - viz: Preparing and sending notices of the forthcoming meeting at Elizabethtown, April 5 to further consider the matter of establishing a school among us in this District. It took me many hours to select the list of persons from all over the District to whom to send these notices and to prepare the same. I printed them on the "Simplex".

(Off for the school meeting and work)

Diary, Tuesday, April 4, 1899

I start early for Lancaster County Committee Meeting, preceding Public Meeting tomorrow.

This was one of my busy days. I arose at 4:30, dressed, packed my valise, at breakfast, and started for Carpenter Station at 6:05; took train at

6:20. Left Broad Street Station at 7:00. Arrived at Elizabethtown at 10:20. Met Brother H. E. Light and Brother E. B. Lefever in Lancaster city. We proceeded to the home of Brother S. H. Hertzler, the other member of the School Committee (See my minutes as secretary and my correspondence with Eva.

THIS LAST DAY * A CLIMAX, AND SO ENDETH A CRISIS

Diary, Tuesday, April 4, 1899

After dinner we were shown the sites (and the sights) of Elizabethtown for we found the town is an applicant for the College. We drove around for some time, possibly $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, and then went into session of Committee. I preached in the evening in town. Subject: "Elements of Christian Success."

I wrote the diary record of the weather in Elizabethtown on this day in contrast with Pottstown on the day we viewed sites there.

Diary Weather

Bright, beautiful day - a foretaste of Spring. I enjoyed the brightness of the day as we drove around Elizabethtown.

There are no hints of the transactions at the Committee Session referred to above, in my diary. These minutes, with much other historical material, are deposited in my archives, not now accessible.

I must not close this "Period of the Committee On Location without saying a few things that are apparent to anyone who will read between the lines, but I think in justice to myself and those interested in the cause of education at that time the matter requires a brief recital here.

In referring to some of the elements that I feel constituted this Crisis, I want it distinctly understood I am not complaining or criticizing nor apologizing for lack of accomplishment. I am writing the stern facts of history and history is nothing if not facts.

First, It has always been a matter of deep regret that a number of our teaching ministers were not at that "Educational Meeting" at Reading to help when helping was needful.

Second, The Committee on Location lost two of its most important members by resignation.

Third, The "Committee" saw fit (maybe of necessity) to hand the major part of the work over into the hands of the Secretary who was already over-loaded with multiplied duties of pastoral responsibilities and much other church work. I have no doubt this over-loading in time and strength was a distinct handicap to the progress and development of the work for the time being, and led to my ultimate breakdown.

Fourth, then there were those persons, who, for reasons best known to themselves, did everything possible against this educational movement, some from within, some from without. Of the two, I think, the force from within is most to be feared.

Well, perhaps, in the end, this opposition, within and without, had but little permanent effect, but for the time being it added to the burden of the secretary in his tremendous, single-handed struggle.

Even if there were those discouragements, there was a measure of success, for the effects of my struggles were cumulative and when such results became apparent some were anxious to scramble into the bus when it was ready to go.

I can well remember the thrill that came with the consciousness that the crisis is about to end, even if it must come by the way of a climax that was the hardest struggle of all.

THE END OF "THE PERIOD OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCATION

1898, November 29, to

1899, April 4.

(4 months, 5 days)

THE DAWN OF

A NEW ERA

"The Darkest hour is just before the Dawn"

The climax ends the Crisis
and Brings the Dawn of a New Day

The Final Act of the Committee on Location

The Secretary reads the Report of the Committee, and thus were fulfilled the instructions at the election by the Public Meeting at Reading.

"Take preliminary steps for finding a place, and report"

THE PUBLIC MEETING AT ELIZABETHTOWN, PA.

April 5, 1899

And so, the Committee on Location with its designated work completed in this School Project, hands back to "The Public Meeting" the proper and lawful authority in this whole matter so that it could prepare the next steps in the program of the New School.

And so, another Memorable Day.

As this History, first of all, is based on my "Diary Records" my first emotions and accounts of this Meeting, will be from my Diary.

Diary

SCHOOL MEETING

See my full minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 1899

Bright, beautiful day; it seems more beautiful than yesterday. People making garden.

Committee Meeting

Public Meeting

Preaching Service

We had a meeting in the morning of our Locating Committee and proceeded to the meeting-house at 9:00.

The audience was small at first, but by and by there was a good interest and much larger audience.

Elder S. R. Zug was moderator; Elder G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary; Brother S. H. Hertzler, Treasurer.

The Committee's report, (which I had written) was read first thing. Decided to have a College. Long discussion of the grade, etc. I preached in the evening (as last evening)

This second Public Meeting (the first at Elizabethtown) is very important, historically, because of the very definite forward steps that were taken at this meeting. It is, I think, fortunate that there is a large amount of data, by way of records, notes, minutes, reports, etc., on hand besides my Diary records. Not all of these are available at this time, but I think are still in existence among my large amount of Historical Facts.

I will quote some details of the "Meeting" from my minutes and notes:

Permission was given by Elder S. R. Zug to have a public meeting of the Brethren interested in this movement in the Brethren Church in Elizabethtown on April 5, 1899. All churches of the District were notified of this meeting by the secretary on March 23. The meeting convened at the time and place at 9:30 A. M. and was opened with devotional exercises by the secretary. A committee of five Brethren offered the following nominations for officials for this meeting which was ratified by it: Chairman, S. R. Zug; Secretary, G. N. Falkenstein; Treasurer, S. H. Hertzler. Elder Zug made a brief address and then called for the report of the locating committee which was read by the secretary.

Representatives of the following places presented sites for the new college: Mountville by H. E. Light; Columbia by H. E. Light and B. G. Musser; Ephrata by A. W. Mentzer; Norristown by letter; Pottstown by J. G. Francis; Elizabethtown by F. H. Keller who read a paper from the town council.

At the afternoon session Elder George Bucher called for information by what authority this meeting is called. J. G. Francis stated that it originated in his mind. The secretary, G. N. Falkenstein spoke of the sentiment for a school throughout the District. The meeting then was declared open for further discussion of the following questions; First, Shall we have a school? Second, What kind of a school do we want? A number of speeches were made on these questions. George Bucher said, "I am in favor of a

Brethren school on Gospel principles, but it must be subject to the church and located in a loyal congregation". S. H. Hertzler said, "if some schools are improperly managed, we need one that is properly managed". After further discussion George Bucher moved that we have a school. This was seconded by Jesse Ziegler, of Royersford and passed unanimously.

The next question to be decided was "What kind of a school shall it be?" S. R. Zug said, "co-educational for young people". George Bucher said, "for the old ones too. We want a higher school. A college to compare favorably with any in the country. A safe school". J. G. Francis said: "We want a school in which the Bible is the textbook, also offering scientific and classical courses". L. M. Kinn said, "The new school shall have an agricultural department". Jesse Ziegler favored this also. G. N. Falkenstein said a commercial department was also needed. After further discussion G. N. Falkenstein moved: "That we establish a school of such a character that compares favorably with any of our schools, including Bible, academic, and collegiate departments - a school to be at the same time a home and a church". The motion was passed by the meeting.

The meeting then decided that a committee of ten be appointed to be fully authorized to select a site for the location of the school. This committee consisted of H. E. Light, G. N. Falkenstein, S. H. Hertzler, George Bucher, Jesse Ziegler, S. R. Zug, J. G. Francis, Abram Royer, Benjamin Hottel and William Oberholtzer. The committee named was also to draft a constitution and by-laws for the new school and present the same at a future meeting. The committee decided to meet at District Meeting for organization April 20. The organization resulted as follows: Chairman, H. E. Light; Secretary, G. N. Falkenstein; Treasurer, S. H. Hertzler. All towns offering sites were to place their proposals in the committee's hands not later than May 10.

Meanwhile the offer of Lititz was to be investigated.

MOMENTOUS DECISIONS MADE

A review, Reading

(1) As appeared in its proper place, the Reading Public Meeting elected a "Committee on Location" and told that committee to visit sites offered as a location for the school, then call another Public Meeting, and report their findings to that meeting.

This led to the second Public Meeting, or the First, at Elizabethtown.

(2) The Reading Meeting was very cautious in the approach to the subject of the new school movement, and very conservative in deciding upon any definite forward step. In the summertime, it involved in investment of money beyond the small personal expenses of a few individuals and, for the most part, the activity of only one person, the Secretary of the committee.

Maybe some thought not much involved in case of a mis-step.

Has History Justified the Correctness of those Decisions?

THE ELIZABETHTOWN MEETING IN REVIEW

The meeting proceeded to the matter in hand, all together in a different spirit. It was not cautious in the approach to the tremendous problems involved and it was not conservative in deciding things that must concern generations to come. Was it a courageous bravery because of things already accomplished, or was it a desperate determination to do the things that should be done. I will not say. That there were some who had courage, I do well know, and visions also. Neutrals counted with the majority. The unanimity in decisions was striking, and that impression has lasted forty years.

I must not close this Review and these comments without a brief recital of decisions made.

The first question was very general, rather harmless in its outlook, and did not cause much discussion. Maybe there was caution in the presentation of so simple a form of question for the first one, for it required no special explanation. It was easy to swallow, for its very simplicity made it so harmless in appearances. "Shall we have a school"? No one should object to having a school; it might be a one-room school so far as the simple question is concerned, and no one did. The motion was "that we have a school" and the vote was unanimous on that motion.

The second question, "What kind of a school do we want to establish" was a different kind of a question. It was not general. It was specific and things, as to departments, were very definitely stated. There was a free rostrum, as you notice, and it is surely remarkable how well the pattern fits today with a little room for expansion. Courage did I say? Yes, it did require courage, for this young and new educational institution had to face the three largest State Normal Schools in the State (now Teachers' Colleges); Several large church colleges well endowed; and two universities - some of the above in the same county and all in the eastern part of the state.

But this very important Public Meeting was mindful of one more thing, it must set in motion some machinery that will accomplish the necessary things needed before the next meeting.

The Committee of ten, fully authorized to locate the new institution; and to provide a Constitution and By-laws; and call the next meeting.

This Committee was the sole authority,

Ad Interim

THE COMMITTEE OF TEN BEGINS

A VERY BRIEF BUT IMPORTANT PERIOD

The organization of this Committee, at District Meeting, 4-20-1899, resulted as follows: Chairman, H. E. Light; Secretary, G. N. Falkenstein; Treasurer, S. H. Hertzler.

Diary, Tuesday, May 23, 1899

Annual Meeting, Roanoke, Virginia Conference opens. In the evening College Locating Committee meets in a little white house on the Patterson Avenue and decided upon Elizabethtown as the proper location for the proposed college in Eastern Pennsylvania. (see my minutes as secretary)
(Some excerpts from the minutes)

The locating committee met again at the Annual Conference at Roanoke, Virginia, May 24, 1899. Of the committee of ten the following were present: H. E. Light, S. R. Zug, George Bucher, S. H. Hertzler, G. N. Falkenstein, J. G. Francis, William Oberholtzer resigned. H. B. Hollinger was elected in his stead. After devotional exercises and the purposes of the meeting having been stated, it was moved and ^{seconded} that sealed offers for the new school be read, and that a majority of the committee be required to decide its location. There were only two offers presented: namely, Ephrata and Elizabethtown. The advantages offered by these places were considered with reference to the following points: drainage, railroad facilities, money, church, water. Three ballots were cast without any decision.
(Absent - Ziegler, Hottel)

The places voted for were Mountville, Elizabethtown, and Pottstown. Following some speeches made in favor of Pottstown and Elizabethtown it was unanimously voted to locate at Elizabethtown.

THE COMMITTEE OF TEN APPOINTS A SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee appointed the following sub-committee on Constitution and By-Laws for the school: G. N. Falkenstein, Jesse Ziegler, J. G. Francis.

THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

The Committee decided that the next public meeting shall be at Elizabethtown on June 7, 1899.

THE LOCATING COMMITTEE ACTS THROUGH ITS SUB-COMMITTEE AND ITS SECRETARY

Diary

There are some general recollections for some days after A. M. that these records remain unwritten at so late a date, tells the story of being over-crowded. Work had accumulated during my absence. Only the work that absolutely needed attention was looked after while the reaction lasted. There was some visiting to be done. There were many letters to be answered. There was some business to be transacted. There was the usual amount of routine work from day to day, including the weekly washing and such work. There were some callers during the week. My Sunday's work of 5-28 added to the reaction of the Virginia trip and the A. M. work (I preached at A. M. on the Big Sunday, twice. I was not only tired out, but at times bilious and dull and disinclined to work and disqualified for work.

One of the special things I did during the first days of this week was to prepare for the College Meeting (Public Meeting) called by the Locating Committee to meet at Elizabethtown June 7 and also the Committee of June 6. This required a good deal of time and work. I wrote to the members of the Committee and sent notices all over the District for the Public Meeting.

Constitution and By-Laws

The first thing I did, however, was to arrange for a meeting of the Committee on Constitution for the proposed College. It was accordingly agreed that we should meet in the home of Brother Ziegler on June 1. He asked me to come the evening before. I went to Collegeville on Wednesday evening 5/31 arriving there at 7:00. Brother Ziegler met me and took me

to the "Mingo Meeting house where Brother George D. Zollers preached. After the meeting we talked until rather late. Brother J. G. Francis came Thursday morning. We started work at 8:15, 6-1-99 and it was a hard day's work, until evening. We adjourned. I rushed for the trolley and arrived home in time for prayer meeting.

Diary, Friday 6-2-99

Somewhat general recollections. It was a week of struggle, to keep recovering from reactions. I had not time to recover from A. M. when the Sunday work came of May 28. Then I suffered a good deal from reaction. But a good amount of work came crowding in upon me, and I managed to dispose of some and recover gradually. Yesterday I had another long and hard day and I am well nigh worn out again today.

(Maybe in large part, a "Constitution and By-Laws" was not needed)

ANOTHER PERIOD DRAWING TO A CLOSE

On the Eve of a New Era

Tremendous Problems Battle Tremendous Possibilities

Unexpected opposition from within could not stop the progress of this great movement, not even delay the decisive day, but it did bring a mass of details entirely too extensive for record here, which must be confined, here and now to One Volume. The opposition did make the going more difficult.

COLLEGE LOCATING COMMITTEE MEETS

Diary, Tuesday, June 6, 1899

I am off soon after 7:00 but found at Broad Street Station that the 8:20 Niagara Express does not stop at Elizabethtown. I made arrangements to stop same and it did so, arriving there about 11:00 A. M.

The Committee of ten Brethren to Locate College and draw up Constitution and By-laws meets.

At Roanoke, Virginia, the Committee decided on Elizabethtown as the place, 7 of 10 members being present but Ephrata being dissatisfied, the whole case was reopened and again carefully considered and again ^(S/c) carefully considered. It was again decided that Elizabethtown should be the place.

The Committee then took up the matter of deciding between the two sites in the town - Northwest and Southeast. We struggled for three hours - 5 to 3 in favor of Southeast and so it finally went and agreed to be unanimous.

See my full minutes of all these things.

The Sub-committee on Constitution reported and we spent many hours on the consideration of that important subject, but with few changes.

George Bucher preached in the evening, all members of the Committee attending.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR COLLEGE

Diary, Wednesday, June 7, 1899

I remained all night with Brother Hertzler, also Brother Abram Royer. The other Brethren scattered out to other places.

We were early at work again as a Committee and by 9:00 we proceeded to the Brethren Meeting-house to hear and discuss Constitution and By-laws. I was secretary of the meeting, also had been of all meetings so far held - I mean general and public meetings. It was a severe test for our Constitution; it was very critically examined and cross-examined but very few changes were made, and as a rule of little importance. The name "Con^(S/c)estago College", however, was completely knocked out, but not until Elizabethtown College had been almost unanimously voted down and then brought up again in reconsideration and adopted by a large majority. Nine Brethren were elected as a Board of Trustees and so the College is Born.

Brother J. H. Rider, Brother S. H. Hertzler, Brother Jesse Ziegler, and

I had a long conference in the evening. We were the only four Trustees elected that were present at the meeting. Brother Ziegler and I remained all night at Brother Hertzler's home.

THE THIRD PUBLIC MEETING: THE SECOND ONE AT ELIZABETHTOWN; AND THE LAST ONE OF ALL THE PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Since this was the last Public Meeting and also the most important in many respects, since it represents its completed work and in that climax, handed over perpetual authority to its successor, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

While my Diary Record gives considerable information and some details it is after all first a Diary Account, even though more than usual for such records, in Diary form.

There was nothing common or ordinary about this great gathering of a religious community that was looking out over an unchartered sea in the high hope and determination to draw a map for the guidance of their Educational future.

I deem it very important, therefore, to add to my Diary Records some further details in the form of excerpts from my notes and also from "Minutes of Committees", "Minutes of Public Meeting". It is understood that these must be "excerpts" only, to avoid duplication of quotations.

Some details in "excerpts"- Minutes

The Locating Committee met at Elizabethtown June 6 at noon, the following being present: H. E. Light, Chairman; G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary; S. H. Hertzler, Treasurer; S. R. Zug, George Bucher, Jesse Ziegler, Abram Royer and J. G. Francis. A formal protest was received from Ephrata in regard to locating the school at Elizabethtown and an informal protest was made in behalf of Pottstown. It was then moved and decided to reconsider the location. It was also decided not to admit new offers for the school unless

open to all upon due notice. Three minutes time was allowed each representative for presenting each site. H. E. Light spoke in favor of Mountville, S. R. Zug for Elizabethtown, Abram Royer for Ephrata, and J. G. Francis for Pottstown. On the third ballot eight votes were cast in favor of Elizabethtown.

The committee then adjourned to view several sites about Elizabethtown after which they met at the home of S. H. Hertzler at 2:30 P. M. where the citizen's committee also met the locating committee. Many speeches were made in favor of two sites, one at the east end of town and the other at the west end. After some balloting which did not decide the location, many warm speeches were made and the matter was left undecided until the public meeting on the following day. The committee then took up the report of the sub-committee on Constitution and By-laws. The name proposed by the Committee on Constitution and By-laws provoked considerable discussion. The name Mack College was presented by J. G. Francis. George Bucher opposed this name on account of it being the name of a man, but liked Conestoga College. H. E. Light thought that Conestoga College was too local a name for the school. Jesse Ziegler presented the name East Penn College. A motion to adopt the last name failed to pass. Finally the name Conestoga College was passed by the locating committee. There were slight changes made in the statement of the object of the school, but in the main the Constitution and By-laws were adopted by the locating committee. On Wednesday morning, June the seventh, the locating committee had another session prior to the public meeting which convened at 9:30 in the Brethren Church.

Devotional exercises were conducted by George Bucher. The minutes of the former public meeting having been read, the decision of the Locating Committee as to the site of the new school was announced. The Constitution and By-laws were also presented for the consideration of the meeting. After an extended discussion on the name question, the meeting decided to adopt

Elizabethtown College instead of Conestoga College as the name for the proposed college. Each section of the Constitution and By-laws was then taken up and after considerable discussion it was adopted. The meeting then proceeded to elect trustees, Brethren and Sisters voting by ballot. The following persons were nominated by the Locating Committee to serve as trustees: From Lancaster County, S. H. Hertzler, J. H. Rider, H. E. Light, George Bucher, C. R. Gible, I. W. Taylor, T. F. Imler; from Berks County, P. C. Nyce; from Montgomery County, Jesse Ziegler; from Lebanon County, F. L. Reber; from Chester County, Nathan Hoffman; from Philadelphia, T. T. Myers, G. N. Falkenstein; from Maryland, L. R. Brumbaugh, J. G. King; from Dauphin County, M. R. Henry, John Landis.

While the votes were being counted for trustees, George Bucher moved to insert a clause in the Constitution and By-laws prohibiting instrumental music. The meeting, however, decided to put this matter in the hands of the trustees. The By-laws were then read and adopted and tellers made the following report of the election of trustees: for three years, G. N. Falkenstein, Jesse Ziegler, S. H. Hertzler; for two years, J. H. Rider, Nathan Hoffman, M. R. Henry; for one year, P. C. Nyce, T. F. Imler, and L. R. Brumbaugh.

It was then decided by motion that the Trustees be authorized to call a meeting of the contributors whenever deemed necessary.

The Constitution and By-laws were then adopted as a whole by unanimous vote.

The Committee on Location, Constitution and By-laws was then formally discharged and the meeting closed with devotional exercises and adjourned at five o'clock, FOREVER.

(see pages 37 & 38)

That informal conference by those four Trustees present at this meeting was very significant in the light of Brother Rider's larger donation, and

the long service of the other three.

THE GREAT TRANSITION FROM THE "EDUCATIONAL MEETING", AT READING, NOV. 29, 1898 TO THE "PUBLIC MEETING", AND THE "BIRTH OF ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE" AT ELIZABETHTOWN, PA., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1899.

The time elapsed, 6 months and 9 days

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TAKES CHARGE OF THE WORK OF "ORGANIZING ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE" - UNKNOWN SHOALS IN THE UNCHARTERED SEA

(It is hard to pull a heavy load with some raw recruits, and someone putting on the brake).

Diary, Thursday, June 8, 1899

(at Reading and at Pottstown, Pa.)

Brother Ziegler and I decided last evening that we would go by way of Reading, - see P. C. Nyce and arrange for a meeting of the Board to organize as soon as possible. We did so, but when we arrived at Reading, Brother Nyce was not willing (because not able) to serve. We at once decided to go to Pottstown. See Brother Nathan Hoffman to arrange for said meeting at his home. We took dinner at Brother Hoffman's and arranged for Board meeting at his home, Friday, June 16. Soon after dinner I started for home, arriving just before the terrific storm.

Diary, Monday, June 12, 1899

Cloudy, very threatening, clear later. A busy day at my typewriter. I wrote Constitution and By-laws of Elizabethtown College. Important work. Now ready to print if once needed.

Also copies Program of next Ministerial meeting to be held in Maryland. Ready for printer". (Catching up sometimes)

Diary, Wednesday, June 14, 1899

I did considerable work at my desk (at my typewriter). Last September the Board of Trustees of the Church passed some rules and regulations. I copied these rules, etc., into the Minute book and then took two type-written copies.

Diary, Thursday, June 15

Brother L. R. Brumbaugh from Eastern Shore of Maryland came to our place on his way to Meeting of Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College. We talked for some time after prayer meeting.

Diary, Friday, June 16, 1899

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

Brother L. R. Brumbaugh and I started for Norristown (by trolley) at 7:30 or so. Left Norristown by train at 9:08; arrived at Pottstown before 10:00. Brother and Sister Ziegler already there. Brethren Henry, Rider and Hertzler came at 11:00 or 10:57. Brother Imler came with us from Spring City. See complete minutes for organization and all business transactions. A hard afternoon's work. A pleasant, very important meeting. Actual work in the "History of Elizabethtown College" has commenced.

home

All left after supper. I came about 9:00 P. M.

THE NEW ERA OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Before beginning the formal discussion and quoting from the records, for this New Period, I think it proper to review very briefly this very important transitional period during the various stages of the Public Meetings. Perhaps I should rather say, for each Meeting was wholly different from the other two; and also each meeting instituted a separate and distinct Period and the last meeting so organized its work as to make its Period perpetual under its Board of Trustees.

There are certain things in the early meetings of the Board, especially the first one that show the manner of approach to our problems and especially in the matter of establishing a precedent that I consider it needful to quote at some length on some meetings, in some particulars (and some direct comments if need be). I am expecting to find many references in my diary which indicate that certain actions of the Board were duly executed and carried out

according to direction and order. These matters will supplement the valuable Board minutes as historic records, I am sure, and I hope without undue repetition of ideas and facts.

Pottstown, Pa.
June 16, 1899

Brother Jesse Ziegler called the meeting to order and called upon Brother T. F. Imler to lead in prayer, according as we have been accustomed in our previous Committee Meetings. Brother S. H. Hertzler closed with the Lord's prayer.

The temporary organization was as follows: Brother T. F. Imler, Chairman; G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary.

The Secretary read the Constitution and By-laws that started the work, and created this Board of Trustees.

The Secretary also read the resignation of Brother P. C. Nyce of Reading, Pa., as a Trustee.

It was decided that we accept the resignation and proceed to fill the vacancy.

Decided to make nominations and elect by ballot.

Agreed to decide by lot, and the lot fell on Brother George Bucher. The Secretary prepared a slip of paper and allowed to twirl by falling on the floor.

There was a brief discussion on the terms of office in the Board. Decided that the term of office shall be one year.

Election of Officers of Board of Trustees

Moved and seconded that we nominate two or more for each office and vote by ballot for the officers in the order named in the Constitution. Motion withdrawn.

Moved and seconded that we proceed to elect by ballot in the order named in the Constitution, without nomination and a majority vote shall be

required for election. Passed.

There being a tie, it was moved and seconded that we cast lots. Passed.
The lot falls on Jesse Ziegler.

Election of Vice President

T. F. Imler,	1 1 1 1 1	Elected
G. N. Falkenstein	1	
S. H. Hertzler	1 1	

Election of Secretary

S. H. Hertzler	1 1	
G. N. Falkenstein	111111	Elected

Election of Treasurer

S. H. Hertzler	111111	Elected
Nathan Hoffman	1	
J. H. Rider	1	

OFFICERS:

President, Jesse Ziegler
Vice President, T. F. Imler
Secretary, G. N. Falkenstein
Treasurer, S. H. Hertzler

The new officers take charge of the meeting. Then followed some discussion of Charter. Moved and seconded that we proceed to obtain a Charter as soon as possible.

Some discussion as to reasons why we should have a Charter.

The inquiry was made and discussion at some length as to whether or not any money could be borrowed to establish the work. The opinion was generally expressed that obtaining a Charter would not prevent borrowing in case of necessity. Question called. Unanimously passed.

Decided that the chair appoint a Committee of three for the purpose of obtaining the Charter.

Committee: Brother Jos. H. Rider, Brother S. H. Hertzler, Brother T. F. Imler.

Many ask, "When are you going to begin?" "How proceed?" Suggestion as to territory. Shall we confer with Eastern Maryland? Moved and seconded that the secretary shall correspond with the Eastern District of Maryland as to their present condition with a view of finding out the possibility of uniting their forces with us. Unanimously passed. Not confined as to territory to Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Then followed a long consideration on the subject of soliciting the District for money to build a suitable college building, or buildings. After full and free discussion of ways and means and when to proceed it was decided the members of the Board should proceed at once to do the soliciting and the different congregations were assigned to the different numbers of the Board.

For a complete list of these assignments and the way to proceed, see the minutes of the Board for further details.

Some further actions of the Board are as follows:

"Moved and seconded that Brethren Hertzler and Rider be appointed a Committee to see to getting Articles of Agreement with Brother Benjamin Groff. Passed.

Moved and seconded that the Charter Committee be appointed to get a seal. Passed.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Adjourned for supper at 4:55."

Informally agreed at the supper table that the Secretary shall have the Constitution and By-laws printed and distribute same to the members of the Board of Trustees.

Signed, G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary

Note: "The above meeting was held at the home of Brother Nathan Hoffman. Brethren T. F. Imler, M. R. Henry, Jos. H. Rider, S. H. Hertzler leave for Reading at 5:18. Brother Jesse Ziegler (and Sister Ziegler) leave for their

home about 6:00. Brethren L. R. Brumbaugh and Falkenstein leave for Philadelphia at 7:05. Thus ends the first day's work of the Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College.

Signed; G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary

That memorable First Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Now that I have introduced this Original Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College and followed them, in part, in their First Meeting, I must not fail in this opportunity to say a further word in regard to the Board and as individual members of that first Board.

Officials, etc.

Of the nine Brethren elected by the Public Meeting on June 7, 1899: (see page 41) No. 1, 2, 3, 8, & 9 were ministers; No. 6 was a deacon; No. 4, 5, & 7 were lay men.

Ages and approximate:

No. 1,	40 years
2,	43 years
3,	46 years
8,	48 years
9,	41 years
6,	60 years
4,	62 years
5,	70 years
7,	73 years

(average age of Board - 53 $\frac{2}{3}$ yrs.)

I think I can say, and without undue prejudice for my fellowmembers, that Board for their day and times and their experience did a good job on the difficult task assigned to them. Their work reflects high ideals, and a proper estimate of spiritual values in higher education. The Board stood for open, free, and frank discussion, and the decisions were usually unanimous. As members of the Board, I pay them high tribute for their devotion and loyalty.

For several years now I am the last survivor of that Board. I am writing

the story of the struggles and labors and services of the "Early Days" of those "Beginnings" which under other circumstances they should have helped to write. But as I stand alone, as the last survivor, so I stand alone to tell the story.

Diary, Saturday, June 17, 1899

"Lovefeast at Mingo". (It was the day after the first Board Meeting.)

I started by trolley for Mingo Lovefeast and Communion Services at 1:00. Arrived at Collegeville at 3:00 - no one there to meet me so I walked $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. I preached the Examination Sermon. Very pleasant feast. Large attendance. There were 16 ministers, 6 of them elders. Henry Price, George Zoller, F. P. Cassel, Jacob Gutwals, Isaac Culp, A. L. Grater.

I went to Brother Ziegler's to stay all night. Brother Ziegler and I slept together and so talked until after mid-night. We talked things over and so this trip was an unexpected advertising for the college. We also herded cows in the night. The cows broke out of the pasture field and we returned them. College Trustees, out for adventure, should make good on any emergency.

And the next day

Well, walking $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles and then preaching the Examination Sermon then talking until after midnight and herding cattle afterward should make good Trustees or show what they are made of. It is a fact, at any rate, in a job like building a College in the beginning a few carry the load.

A very busy day!

Diary, Sunday, June 18, 1899

I came home from Mingo at 9:30. Opened Sunday School, taught the Bible Class, preached, talked an hour, with a Brother Cassel.

Instead of eating, I laid down for about one hour and then at 2:15 went to preach funeral of a Mr. Reber, father of Mrs. Shields. I preached in the

evening. Ate between four and five o'clock. Rested awhile before evening preaching.

I was tired!

Diary, Thursday, June 22, 1899

Fairly dazed with my work! A day of correspondence. See records. School matters etc.

I seemed to be recovering and strengthening from my Spring biliousness and Annual Meeting reaction.

But this morning I was fairly dazed with my work. I really did not know where to begin. I began on correspondence. I continued and ended with correspondence. I spent the day in it, and very successful work it was. I sent out eighteen or twenty letters. Largely pertained to the interests of Elizabethtown College.

I distributed Constitutions among the members of the Board of Trustees.

I am now getting my work as Secretary of the Board into pretty good shape. The Correspondence of the entire work has so far rested on me and the work continues to rest.

See my record of letter-writing and also many copies of letters in this school work. Prayer meeting. Rather small attendance.

Diary, Friday, June 23, 1899

I received a letter from Brother George Bucher, resigning his, or declining to accept Trusteeship of Elizabethtown College. I wrote him at considerable length stating my conviction that he should accept. Other correspondence and some miscellaneous work. Some routine work. Went down to Germantown Bank and came home very tired. I rested awhile and read. In the evening I wrote from 7:45 until 2:00 A. M. At 2:00 A. M. my eyes are giving out.

(I pass over many days; where there are only such brief references as "School Matters", etc. and "Elizabethtown College interests require much time and attention").

Diary, Tuesday, July 11, 1899.

I was somewhat nervous from the extreme work of yesterday. I did not work so successfully at my desk. I worked under difficulties and the progress was slow. The day was spent on explanation and interpretation of Elizabethtown College Constitution.

I copied the two letters of Brother George Weaver and Elder George Bucher, and answered their many questions at considerable length. This consumed nearly my entire day.

(Maybe the constitution is not used much now, if any, but while in use it had to be explained or interpreted, and not necessarily by a Constitutional lawyer. I never saw so much in it as some.)

Diary, Friday, July 14, 1899

Wrote plan for my article "History of Brethren", etc. for Pennsylvania German Society.

My day's work centered on the plan of treatment which I wrote out carefully, for my Historical Article on "The Brethren", - early settlement, etc., etc. This article is to be read before the Pennsylvania German Society next October. My work for today, in developing a plan of treatment is very satisfactory. I have revolved the thing in my mind for six months, but never wrote one word until today. The article will consist of 150 or 200 pages and will require much work and yet it seems to me as though the battle is half won now.

Diary, Monday, August 14, 1899

Going to Eastern Shore, Maryland. Clear in Philadelphia; rain in Maryland.

Busy getting ready to go to Ministerial Meeting. See program. We started in good time from home. Many members gathering at Broad Street

Station. I secured two extra coaches and we left Broad Street Station with first 100 (both coaches filled) at 3:46.

We arrived at Ridgely, Maryland at about 7:00, a little behind time - time 6:46. Taken to Boonsboro house, 2 miles. Supper in the tent. Elder S. F. Sanger preached evening.

Diary, Tuesday, August 15, 1899

Ministerial Meeting (see program and Messenger report and my notes).

A large attendance and a splendid meeting, - forenoon, afternoon and evening.

Many pleasant acquaintances. Dinner and supper in the tent. These members are very hospitable.

(I am quoting from my Diary on this Big Meeting to get the Setting, and background for these two Important Meetings.)

Diary, Wednesday, August 16, 1899 (Eastern Shore, Maryland)

We return to Ministerial Meeting early in the morning. Ministerial Meeting closes at noon, - one of the most successful Ministerial Meetings ever held.

We were especially complimented on our good program. These meetings are getting to be a power among us of far reaching influence.

Decided to meet in Lancaster City in 1900.

Meeting of The Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College after dinner.

A long but very interesting preaching service, afternoon. Brother C. C. Ellis, I, and others preached. I preached in the evening and now the parting begins.

The Board does Business and makes Progress

(It will be noticed that my diary makes only brief reference to Board Meeting, but it is the background of a great occasion)

(I copy from Board Minutes)

(First Session)

Second Meeting

Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College at the time of the Ministerial Meeting for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Ridgely, Maryland
August 15, 1899

At the call of the President, the Board met at 6:00 P. M. at the home of Brother Replogle near the Ridgely or Boonsboro Meeting House. The meeting was rather informal.

Members present: Brother Ziegler, Brother Imler, Brother Hertzler, Brother George Bucher, Brother Rider, Brother Brumbaugh, Brother Falkenstein. (Absent: Brethren Henry, Hoffman). Brother S. H. Hertzler reports for the committee on Charter, and presents a draft from the lawyers.

The draft of the Charter was read and briefly discussed.

It was decided to hand the same over to Brethren Hertzler and Falkenstein to suggest corrections.

The Committee employs two lawyers, viz: M. G. Schaeffer, Lancaster, and I. R. Herr, Elizabethtown.

The Committee further reports agreement with Brother Groff and plan of plot of ground, etc., etc.

Committee's Report: Long discussion of the plot, and amount of ground needed. We receive 12 acres free. Decided we secure four more acres or as much as is needed to shape the plot.

Adjourned at 7:00 P. M. to attend the evening session of the Ministerial Meeting.

The Second Session, Second Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 1:30 P. M.

After Ministerial Meeting is over met again at the same place. Reports

from the members in regard to soliciting contributions.

Brethren Rider and Hertzler canvassed Chiques Church. \$1165.00 subscribed, or pledged. Some preparation made to canvass Mountville and White Oak.

Reports for more money: Brother George Bucher, nothing in the Mechanic Grove Church. He has appointed solicitors in Conestoga and Spring Grove. No report yet, except \$10.00. Brother Falkenstein - some canvassing in Philadelphia and Upper Dublin. Not much encouragement. Some opposition. No money yet. Some small contributions (subscriptions) may be taken.

Brother L. R. Brumbaugh - some small contributions, possibly \$100.00. Mostly poor Brethren. Still some debts on houses.

Brother Ziegler - \$490.00. Some solicitors appointed. Several hundred dollars more in sight.

Brother Imler - financial strain struggle in Lancaster. Some small contributions.

Ephrata will not help. Long discussions of various plans of raising money. What shall we do? Some suggestions - Council and conference.

Amount reported by members	\$1665.00
Amount pledged by Elizabethtown	<u>3150.00</u>
	4815.00

The sub-committee of Charter-draft correction suggested the following:

"The said Corporation is formed for the purpose of giving such harmonious development of Physical, Mental, Moral powers of both sexes as will best fit them for the duties of life and promote their Spiritual interests, and instruction shall be given in three departments, viz: Bible, Collegiate, Academic.

(It will be noted that this declaration of Purpose as above, is in harmony with the motion offered by G. N. Falkenstein, and passed by the Public Meeting, at Elizabethtown, establishing the kind or grade of a

school, that Public Meeting wants to have established.

Accepted by the Board. Committee, Brethren S. H. Hertzler and G. N. Falkenstein.

Further discussion raising money by endowment. Decided to take endowment, as chances are afforded, until such time when the corporation is completed and a proper form may be drawn up and adopted for writing endowment.

Informally suggested that we each meanwhile consider some plans and be ready to make suggestions of the College Building.

Adjourned at 3:00 P. M. to meet as soon as the Charter is obtained and we are ready to do some business.

Signed, G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary

The Third Meeting

Well, all these early meetings were important, because each one took one or more distinct forward steps to broader expansion and larger vision of the great work in our hands.

Let us drop, therefore, for the time being, the "office work" of correspondence, etc. and notice some problems in meeting opposition.

Diary, Friday, September 8, 1899

Letter, J. G. Francis

I received a shameful letter from Brother J. G. Francis. He is bitterly envious and jealous at my activity with Elizabethtown College work and he is working to start a second movement to establish a College, viz: "Mack College". I should call it "Beissel College" because it is the Spirit of Beissel and not Mack.

Diary, Monday, September 11, 1899 (Going to Zieglers)

Attended to some correspondence in the morning, then went to bank, then started for Brother Zieglers. Very heavy rain much of the way to

Norristown (by trolley). Brother Ziegler met me at Collegeville at the trolley.

We ate dinner, talked, walked over the farm. Talked much about my letter from J. C. Francis and his late "Scheme", ^(S/C) Mack College -(which has a beissel Spirit). We considered much plans for the meeting of tomorrow at Ephrata. Brother Ziegler is going, having been announced as a Trustee. He desires me to go, but I do not feel that I can be of any special help to the cause of the Church of District, and so decide not to go. It is a bold, audacious, shameful, malicious move to crush Elizabethtown College or some of its workers.

Diary, Tuesday, September 12, 1899

I arose at about 4:30 and soon after 5:00 I took Brother Ziegler to Royersford, there to take the train for Reading and then to Ephrata to attend School Meeting of Mack College (Beissel College). I arrived home (Zieglers) in time for breakfast. Looked around some, read a little while, went out into the fields. Sister Ziegler and Robbie took me to the 11:00 A. M. trolley, stopping on the way at Brother Markleys. I arrived home 1:30. Rather tired. Slept awhile in afternoon. I did not do much work.

(Whichever way you measure this mischief-making trickery, it did him no good and maybe not much harm either, but it did make our going harder for about four days and it was only one of a number of fruitless efforts to block the way of progress.)

Diary, Friday, September 15, 1899

Mack College "failed". (I suppose it might be said it was "still born". Well, it is best it did not live, for it had very poor generation.

So endeth this little chapter and episode. The echo will reverberate in our "Third Meeting".

I have not written anything secret or private. These matters were discussed publicly far and wide.

Getting Ready for that Third Meeting

(at close of second meeting)

Informally suggested that we each meanwhile consider some plans, and be ready to make suggestions of the College Building

Diary: Saturday, September 30, 1899

Elizabethtown College Plans

I went to work, soon after breakfast, to draw plans, (suggestions,) for first building of Elizabethtown College. It was a front elevation - my first effort of that kind of drawing. It was a surprise to Eva, Sallie, and others, (later). I worked out a number of details and all together it looked like business - as though there should soon be a College building. I worked hard until noon and some time afternoon.

Diary: Tuesday, October 3, 1899 (At Elizabethtown)

Elizabethtown College Board of Trustees meets.

According to appointment the Board met at the home of Brother J. H. Rider in Elizabethtown soon after 10:00 A. M.

Brethren Jesse Ziegler, S. H. Hertzler, T. F. Imler, J. H. Rider, George Bucher, M. R. Henry, G. N. Falkenstein were present. Absent - Bret. N. Hoffman and L. R. Brumbaugh.

See complete notes as secretary. Decided to take necessary steps at once to erect College Building.

My plans of building (the twin building, Alpha Hall) accepted as the basis.

(Additional details from excerpts from the Board Meeting Minutes)

Meeting opened by devotional exercises. Prayer by Brother George Bucher closing by the President.

Members present (see Diary above)

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

This meeting was called in accordance with the statement at the close of the last minutes; viz, To meet as soon as the charter is obtained and we are ready to do some business.

Brother Ziegler reports that he received a petition circulated by Brother J. G. Francis to the fact that petitioners desire the college changed from Elizabethtown to Ephrata.

Decided that the petition should be read at this point. After reading the petition and some letters of signers, it was unanimously decided that in as much as the late school meeting, September 12 at Ephrata was an entire failure and because of the entire impracticability for this Board to make any change in location, the whole matter was dropped. Adjourned for dinner.

Resumed business at once after dinner.

Committee on Charter reports that the Charter was granted, but is still in Lancaster for recording.

Some general discussion and informal consideration of various phases of the work.

Report of soliciting contributions Brethren Hertzler and Rider, Brother Ziegler, Brother Henry and Brother Bucher, as also Brother Imler, had nothing further to report in the way of contributions. Some soliciting done, with prospects of contributions later. The secretary reports a favorable interview with Alex and Mack Fox, and the promise of \$500.00.

After some informal discussion approaching the matter of building, the Secretary presented a sketch of plans which he made.

Discussion of size of building, amount, when to begin.

Also questions such as "Who shall organize the school, be the President and the teachers" and other questions.

Long discussion and conference. Shall we build or shall we not? A rather general feeling that we do not have enough money yet.

The secretary moves to proceed at once to take the necessary steps to erect a college building. Brother S. H. Hertzler seconds the motion. Brother George Bucher amends providing the building does not cost over \$10,000.00.

Amendment passed. Decided that Brethren Imler and Hertzler be a Committee to confer with an Architect for plans and specifications.

Decided that the building shall be 48 feet by 84 feet, basement story 8 feet high; first story, 9 feet; second story, 9 feet; third story, 8 feet. Mansard roof.

These dimensions to suggest in a general way any change absolutely necessary to be allowed.

We went to view the sights of the proposed college.

Decided to meet at Salunga, October 18, the time and place of the Love-feast.

Adjourned, 4:00 P. M.

Signed, G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary

Diary: Wednesday, October 4, 1899 (At Elizabethtown)

Brother S. H. Hertzler and I spent the forenoon in working out some details of my plans, divisions of basement and floors, into rooms of all description. Some hard studying and many details,- to be sure many details remain still to be worked out.

I left Elizabethtown at 12:12 arrived at Philadelphia at 3:00. At home after 4:00. Looking after mail and talking to Eva about your work in our meeting. I did little else,- was tired, and retired rather early.

A good deal of activity between meetings, and busy meetings.

Diary: Thursday, October 5, 1899

The work was at my desk, and largely consisted of correspondence. The day was successful, but the work is not near done. I want this correspondence out of the way in order to write my Article for October 20.

Diary: Friday, October 6, 1899

I am making splendid progress at my desk, with my correspondence. My correspondence is in better shape than for a long time. The day was again largely spent on correspondence and I am pleased with the result.

Diary: Saturday, October 7, 1899

In suspense for Sunday,- waiting for Brother Sanger and Brother A. B. Barnhart. Preparation for Sunday.

I did my first writing for my paper (article) October 20. Wrote the introduction 10:00 to 12:00 P. M.

This part successful work, the other part of the day not so successful as Thursday and Friday.

MEMBERS OF GENERAL MISSION BOARD VISIT THE SECRETARY

Diary: Sunday, October 8, 1899

I had given up and while I was in my study preparing for a Sunday morning sermon, Brother S. F. Sanger (with his new wife) came. He preached in the morning,- "Life by Death". After dinner they went to the city S. S. and then to Brother Clives at the Geiger Memorial, where Brother Sanger preached in the evening. They were last night at Brother Clives all night.

At about 5:00 P. M., Brother A. B. Barnhart arrived from Brooklyn and preached for us, in the evening. Subject: "Disappointments."

See records for attendance etc., etc. Good attendance and interesting service.

Diary: Monday, October 9, 1899

A day spent with company. Brother Barnhart and I spent most of the forenoon talking church and school. Brother and Sister Sanger did not come until almost noon. I spent some time writing cards to members.

In the afternoon the Brethren went down to the city to look after some chairs for Washington Meeting-house (a mission under General Mission Board)

They came home quite late in the evening. Eva, Sister Sanger, and I had a long, pleasant talk in the afternoon, (more church and school). Considerable time in correspondence announcing Members' meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT TO GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Diary: Tuesday, October 10, 1899

We all talked in the morning until almost 10:00, I think it was. Then Brother and Sister Sanger and Brother Barnhart went to zoological Gardens, returned some time after dinner.

In the afternoon I made a full report to Brethren Sanger & Barnhart, members of the General Mission Board of my work at Germantown.

I practically resigned the work in telling them plainly that we are compelled to leave Germantown to earn money to pay our financial obligations.

The report seemed very satisfactory, except the surprising part.

This day was crowded and important events were in it.

Toward evening we were waiting for the Annual Meeting Committee. They came at 6:00 P. M., about two hours later than expected. Elders W. R. Deeter, L. H. Dickey and D. Hays.

Also Brethren A. L. Grater and Jesse Ziegler before. Also Norristown people, about 9, Brethren & Sisters.

Members' Meeting. See records. Addresses from Brethren Deeter, Dickey, Hays, Sanger, Barnhart. Appeal and encouragement to come more fully into harmony with the General Brotherhood. Good meeting.

Brother Ziegler and I had a short talk with reference to my occupying the Presidency of Elizabethtown College.

(Just to show me what folks are thinking)

Brother Grater consulted the "Annual Meeting Committee" in reference to my coming ordination and the baptismal Pool here (He was a member of the Ordination Committee).

The Annual Meeting Committee decided that my ordination shall take place as any other, without reference to the Pool.

Diary, Wednesday, October 11, 1899

Annual Meeting Committee

I went to the telegraph office to send a telegram for the Committee. The rest of the forenoon was almost entirely spent with the Committee, making out their program and arranging their work.

After dinner, I took the Brethren to the old and new meeting house and cemetery.

I told them the main facts of my Historical Story. We spent about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours in this tour, etc. At this Historic Journey, they were much surprised and were intensely interested. They left at 4:00 P. M.

("Several of the above pages are not so directly on the College History, but it all forms a part of the background of conditions that is very significant and an interesting part of the picture of forty years ago.")

Diary, Tuesday, October 17, 1899

I scarcely know how to arrange my plans and work. Went to meet once more with Annual Meeting Committee. Working on my Historical Article.

After dinner, I go to Broad Street Station to meet the Brethren (Annual Meeting Committee) once more and see about rates for them, and give them further directions in their subsequent work. Spent most of the afternoon with them. While I was away, someone came to ask me to preach the funeral of Mr. Rittenhouse (my neighbor, next door)

Diary, Wednesday, October 18, 1899 (Love Feast)

Work on my Historical paper (Article). I leave home before 11:30; leave Broad Street Station 12:25, arrive at Salunga, Lancaster County, a little before 3:00. First afternoon service just closing. Then follows: examination service, Brother Hiram Gible preaches first, Elder George

Bucher next. Intermission. Reading of chapter and Service of Feet washing. I preached thirty minutes and Brother Ziegler follows on Lord's Supper. Elder S. R. Zug officiates. Large attendance. Not all members can commune. Twelve ministers present. Feast over by about 8:30.

Meeting of Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College from 9:00 to 11:30.

(This is the only entry of the meeting in my Diary. I suppose on account of that complication of duties, and so there was lack of time.)

THAT FOURTH MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Salunga, Pa., October 18, 1899

The Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College met at the home of Brother John Herr, deacon, at 9:00 P. M. after the close of the Love Feast.

Members present: Brethren Ziegler, Hertzler, Bucher, Rider, Falkenstein (Brethren absent; Henry, Imler, Brumbaugh)

We gave audience to W. W. Bretherick who presented volunteer plans. After full explanation of his plans, he retired.

Brethren Imler and Hertzler had also secured suggestive plans from Architect D. M. Rothenberger. Suggestion and comparisons made. Motion. On motion of Brother G. M. Falkenstein, it was decided to reject the plans of Mr. Rothenberger, for the following reasons: First, Because there were no elevations, no style of roof; and, Second, Because the building was to cost from \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 more than the Board had decided to appropriate to the erection of the said building. Passed.

Decided to leave the plans with the suggestions, in the hands of the Architect Committee, and if anything special comes up, they will write to the rest of the Board.

Moved that Brethren Imler, Hertzler, and Bucher constitute the Building Committee. Passed.

Decided that the Building Committee invite bids as soon as plans and specifications are ready, and, at the proper time, present such bids to the Board of Trustees for consideration. Adjourned, at 11:30 P. M.

Signed, G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary

Diary: Thursday, October 19, 1899

Brother Ziegler and I slept at a neighbors, to Brother John Herr. We took breakfast at the meetinghouse. I left Salunga at 7:42, arrived home before 12:00. I had little time for rest and preparation for the funeral. Funeral at 2:30, large funeral, more than 20 carriages.

Friday, October 20, 1899. (Pa. German Society at Ephrata)

I rushed back to Lancaster County to deliver my Sketch, "History of German Baptist Brethren" later published in enlarged form.)

I arrived home about 9:30 - almost collapsed. I had a hard week.

Diary, Wednesday, October 25, 1899

A man called to see me about Heating and ventilating Elizabethtown College.

I must have spent between two and three hours with him. I was interested in much information regarding the subject and modern methods of ventilating, heating, sanitation. I referred him to Brethren Imler and Hertzler - and wrote to them. It was near 1:00 O'clock when he left.

Diary: Friday November 17, 1899 (At Collegeville and at Skippack)

I arose, made ready, and hastened off, without breakfast, for Collegeville. When I arrived there, Brother Ziegler was not there to meet me, as I expected. I walked some distance toward Brother Ziegler's, but soon met him, and he took me to Dr. Sam Price where Brother S. H. Hertzler (who is holding meetings at the Skippack House) is staying. We arrived there by 11:00 A. M. General discussion of Church Topics in forenoon. Brother Price came home after awhile. After dinner Brother Price went away again to visit

some sick cattle, etc. Brethren Ziegler, Hertzler, and I had a conference on plans of Elizabethtown College building. This was the object of our being together. Brother Hertzler desired this consultation to help him and Brother Imler as Committee of plans and architect.

We decided on a number of points. I suggested fire-proof vault in the President's Office.

Talked about heating and ventilating the building, and such location of the building as to provide for systematic arrangement of future buildings around an open court. Besides these important questions, we had a very pleasant talk on general topics of church work and a most pleasant social time. We three fit well together. All near one age - I am the younger. I and Brother Ziegler went to hear Brother Hertzler preach and I then went home with Brother Ziegler. Subject of the sermon, "Repentance". Further consultation - if I could not be President of Elizabethtown College.

I am willing to be led, as the Lord seems to direct, or lead. See the past, upon this subject. It looks more that way! The Lord will direct in due time.

NOTE: It will be noted in the above, that the matter of the Presidency of Elizabethtown College had been approached several times before, but not openly in the Board meeting, for good reasons, I suppose. Some of which appear plainly, and may be read between the lines, as may be seen in future meetings and conferences.

Well, there were problems and problems in those days for the Board, and for individuals. Some were easy and yielded to quick positive action; others difficult, because complicated and required much time and effort to find and make a solution.

Diary, Saturday, November 18, 1899 (At Brother Zieglers)

I was all night at Brother Zieglers. Retired late. A long talk this morning. Brother and Sister Ziegler went to Gratersford to Sister Jacob

Conner and so I went with them to the trolley at Collegeville. I arrived home at noon. I was disappointed in not having heard yet from Washington, D. C. (on my Trial-Examination).

Preparation for Sunday.

(This conference was of unusual importance and far reaching significance and influence in the coming years.)

Diary, Thursday, November 30, 1899 (Thanksgiving)

We have been looking forward to this several days' visit, especially the children.

Eva and Sister Ziegler talk some about the prospect of our going to Elizabethtown College.

Diary, Sunday, December 3, 1899

Sister Ziegler & Robbie left about 2:30 and we were all sorry.

Diary, Monday, December 4, 1899

Eva and I talked some about Sister Ziegler's visit and some subjects of their conversation. Of course they talked some about our going to Elizabethtown College next year.

Sister Ziegler told Eva they think we are just the ones to go and organize the school and others think the same. Eva said, "She had about come to where she is willing to anything the Lord may require of us".

Sister Ziegler said she thought that was about the place to come to. Sister Ziegler's visit, at any rate, was a kind mission of love to encourage Eva, she being quite discouraged lately with the work in Germantown. Her visit was appreciated and I think (trust) helpful.

Diary; Tuesday, December 5, 1899

I helped Eva wash in the forenoon and we spent much time during that time (and later in the day) discussing our possible future in reference to going to Elizabethtown College. Our financial troubles have been distressing us, and now, under the suspense as to our future, we are very restless.

The suspense is almost becoming burdensome. But still the door does not seem to be open, or else the door that is open we are not willing to enter.

Diary: Thursday, December 14, 1899 (Elizabethtown)

FIFTH MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

I arose at 4:30.-left Broad Street Station at 7:00, arrived at Elizabethtown at 10:30, went into session at 10:50. See minutes of meeting. Discussion of plans and architect. View the College sites after supper, Brother Ziegler and I accompanied Brother T. F. Imler to Lancaster City. We visited Brother Ziegler's two Sisters in the evening, went through the Meeting-House, so large and commodious, talked awhile at Brother Imlers home and then retired (there.) A long day, from early morning. Tired.

Diary: Friday, December 15, 1899

We arose early and left Lancaster soon after 7:00, on Reading Route, for Royersford, where we arrived at 11:00.

Brother Harry Z. took Brother Z. and me to their home. We had dinner, talked several hours, had a nice visit and then Brother Z. took me to the 4:00 trolley at Collegeville. I arrived home after 6:00 P. M. and so I am back from another meeting,-with the conscious realization that I am one step nearer accepting the Presidency of Elizabethtown College, when it is offered to me. The matter did not come up at this meeting, for press of other matters, and there was slow progress made. But Brother Ziegler told me he hadn't any doubt but that I would be called upon to organize the school and take charge of it. He would have presented the matter if there had been any time. We spent a pleasant time in the home of Brother and Sister Imler. They seemed more cordial and friendly than I have ever known them.

Brother Ziegler and I spoke somewhat freely of things in the organization of the school canvassing, etc.

Before quoting some excerpts from the minutes of the Board Meeting, (The Diary account of which I have just quoted on this Fifth Meeting) I think I should make some explanation or give some reasons in this connection why the matter of the Presidency of this infant institution, came up, facing me so repeatedly. It may be noted in this connection that the matter of Organization of the College, was called up again and again, as a thing to be stressed, or emphasized as important.

A very brief recital of my Educational Preparation and my Educational Career, in years of teaching, will show an Educational Background that these Brethren thought constituted some qualifications for the important task before them, of providing some one to Organize and Conduct Elizabethtown College; and just in passing whether prophetic or just a plain misnomer, it makes no difference now as it was always "Elizabethtown College" from the beginning, so "President" and "Presidency" persisted from the beginning.

Whatever may ultimately go into the "Official History of Elizabethtown College", there should go, I think, into this "Volume of Source Material" some reason and explanation, to justify the action of the Board in selecting, and electing, one of their own members (as will appear in due time in this Volume.

This recital as suggested, must be a mere outline, or skeleton, of what was intimated as constituting some qualifications, for organizing a new College.

FIRST, I came up through the public schools of my day, my annual attendance sometimes very limited on account of work, one winter only four days, attendance. I was an honor student the last winter.

SECOND, I attended the York County Academy, an old established institution, dating from pre-Revolutionary days - especially for teachers.

THIRD, I entered "Brethren's Normal College", now "Juniata College" in 1879, and attended for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of the early years of that institution. I graduated in 1882, with more than the required amount of work.

FOURTH, In the fall of 1882, I entered Oberlin College, then 50 years established, a strictly Classical College. I devoted the year to the study of Latin and Greek language and literature.

FIFTH, The year following Oberlin, I attended Mt. Morris College, devoting my attention especially to College mathematics, and German and Biology. After teaching for several years, I was called to Mt. Morris College to head the Department of Sciences. This required further preparation along these several lines.

SIXTH, I at once entered the University of Michigan, and especially devoted myself to Geology, Botany, Botanical Biology, and Histology. Taking up my work in Mt. Morris College, I taught the next four years in the Academy and the College, as many as eight different scientific subjects, until I was called by the General Mission Board to the Pastorate of the Mother Church at Germantown, Philadelphia.

SEVENTH, During the early years of my pastorate, I took some special courses at the University of Pennsylvania under eminent teachers like Rev. Edward Everet Hale, and others.

These Educational preparations and experiences some of these Brethren contended, (although all too briefly set forth here) constituted some qualifications necessary in organizing of Elizabethtown College and lay out its curriculums, and plan for its immediate future.

But regardless of the problems solved, and the difficulties through which we passed, there are larger problems, and greater difficulties just ahead; and the winding ways through which we must yet pass, we little dreamed of, and the severetests of faith left many by the wayside.

EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES (two months since the last meeting at Salunga)

Elizabethtown, Pa.
December 14, 1899

The Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College met at the home of Brother S. H. Hertzler, at 10:50 A. M.

The meeting was opened by devotional exercises, prayer by the Secretary, closing with the Lord's prayer, by the president.

While reading the minutes Architect Rothenberger arrived and it was decided that the regular work be dropped and we give him a hearing in the explanation of his suggestive plans.

It had been decided by the Architect Committee that in-as-much-as Bretherick had a hearing before the Board, at Salunga; Rothenberger should also have a hearing, and therefore invited him to this meeting of the Board.

After full explanations of his plans, and answering many questions, Mr. Rothenberger was excused and the minutes of last two meetings were read and approved. Adjourned for dinner. Resumed our work immediately after dinner.

Long discussion on plans and architects, who shall be employed?

Brother Imler made strong plea to be relieved from Architect Committee, but the Board was unwilling to grant the request.

Moved by Brother S. H. Hertzler and seconded by Brother George Bucher that the Committee proceed with the plans and specifications of Mr. Bretherick, and obtain the bids upon the same and report to the Board. Passed.

This procedure is with the distinct understanding that if such contract price is not within that specified by him, viz: \$10,500.00, he is not to receive any remuneration for said plans and specifications.

At this point Brother Imler pressed to be relieved from serving on the Building Committee on account of much work. His request to be relieved was granted in the mutual agreement that he continue on the Architect Committee.

Moved and seconded that the Architect Committee get bids for heating by steam, hot water, and hot air. Passed.

Moved that we adjourn to view lines, etc., of College site - to reconvene later. Passed and proceeded to College site. But on account of Brother Eucher leaving at 3:30 and Brethren S. H. Hertzler and M. R. Henry at 5:00, it was too late, on our return from College site, to reconvene and we separated without any further formal consideration.

G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary.

Diary: Tuesday, December 26, 1899

Mr. Bretherick, Architect, of Elizabethtown College Building, came to see me on consultations of plans, - spent a long time.

Diary: Monday, January 1, 1900

About 11:30 Brother Ziegler came rather unexpectedly and yet not. We had a pleasant talk and visit, - did some needed talking in regard to Elizabethtown College. He left at 3:00 P. M.

Diary: Friday, January 5, 1900 (Brother Ziegler Here)

Brother Ziegler came toward noon - the second time this week. He remained for dinner, then went to see Sister Geiger, and on to the city. I met him in the city - to renew my Clerical pursuits, - and we spent several hours together very pleasantly and profitably.

Diary: Wednesday, April 1, 1900

Getting ready to go away. Left at 3:00 P. M. for Brother Jesse Zieglers on my way to Board of Trustee Meeting.

Diary: Thursday, April 12, 1900

I started early for Elizabethtown with Brother Ziegler. We left home at about 5:10. Arrived at Elizabethtown at 10:38. Important meeting. A busy day. Brother Ziegler and I remained over night at Brother S. H. Hertzlers. Attended prayer meeting.

Diary: Friday, April 13, 1900

Brother Ziegler and I left Elizabethtown at 7:10. I came via Penna. and Brother Ziegler via P. & R. I came home by noon.

Elizabethtown, Pa.

April 12, 1900

The Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College met at the home of Brother J. H. Rider at 10:45 A. M.

The meeting opened by devotional exercises, Brother B. F. Masterson of California being present led in prayer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. On motion of Brother S. H. Hertzler it was decided that Brother B. F. Masterson and Elder S. R. Zug be admitted to the deliberations of the Board Meeting, and be free to offer suggestions.

The Committee on Architect reported that they have lost sight of Mr. Bretherick, the architect, that they have utterly failed to have him come up to the contract made with him and they have now waited until the expiration of time limit.

Decided in-as-much-as Mr. Bretherick has failed to come up to his contract, that the Committee be relieved of all responsibility.

The Committee further reported that they had some communication and talk with another architect, Mr. A. A. Richer, from Lebanon, and arrangements had been made to meet the Board at this meeting.

The question was asked, "When do we expect to open School?" Some discussion also on money and faculty.

Brother T. F. Imler moved and Brother S. H. Hertzler, seconded that we open school this coming fall. Passed.

Since consideration of teachers is next in order, Brother Bucher read three letters from Brother John J. John, (his son-in-law) from Virginia.

(at this point, adjourned for dinner)

Immediately after dinner, we resumed our work and at once commence the consideration of Ricker's plans. After spending about two hours in consideration, the architect withdrew and after due consideration it was de-

sided: That Mr. Ricker be employed as the architect for the College Building on the following conditions:

(We tie him fast this time).(and I consider these considerations important enough to embody here in a connected story, in these times of stress and pressure.)

First, That after the completion of the plans and specifications, if the architect Committee finds the contract price too high, he enter with such lines of change that will reduce the cost of the building to such amount as is within the reach of the Board of Trustees.

Second, That for such services as are thus indicated, including extra work needed to make changes, he shall receive the sum of \$150.00, the same to be paid after the building is finished and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

Third, It is further agreed that if the contract price shall preclude the possibility of erecting the building at this time, he shall receive the sum of \$75.00, and the balance when the said building shall be erected.

Fourth, That said plans shall be ready to be placed into the hands of contractors not later than May 3.

FOUR MONTHS ACCUMULATION

Teachers, applicants again considered.

Brother S. H. Hertzler presents the name of Brother D. Melvin Long of Maryland. The secretary read letters from same.

The president, Brother Ziegler, read a letter from Brother D. C. Reber. Some talk of Brother I. N. H. Beahm. The Secretary presented the name of Brother F. W. Price for Commercial teacher. Decided not to have a Commercial teacher at this time.

Some discussion of various names and qualifications.

Brother T. F. Imler moved that Brother I. N. H. Beahm be elected Principal, providing satisfactory terms can be made. Brother S. H. Hertzler seconded the motion. Passed.

Adjourned for supper at 5:15.

G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary.

It will be noted that we often lacked time when our meetings were secondary to some other meeting, and sometimes we had to break up for lack of a quorum or passed on big questions without due consideration in order to rush business while we had a quorum. I often much regretted this whole matter and what I regret most of all that we did business some times when we were not ready, but some one wanted to get things off hand.

SEVENTH MEETING

The Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College met at the time of the District Meeting, in the West conestoga Congregation at the Middle Creek House and had several short sessions.

First, In the basement of the Meeting House, at the time of the District Meeting at 8:00 P. M., May 2, 1900.

Members present; Brethren Ziegler, Hertzler, Imler, Bucher, Henry, Brumbaugh, Falkenstein. Plans and specifications of A. A. Ricker were presented and examined and discussed. Some suggestions made and then decided that said plans and specifications be handed over into the hands of the architect Committee for careful consideration and then handed over to the architect. Adjourned at 9:00 P. M.

Met again, in the audience room of the Meeting-House, May 3, 1900 at 5:00 P. M., soon after the close of the District Meeting.

A card from Brother Nathan Hoffman was read in which there was an informal resignation. The same was not accepted.

The Secretary read correspondence between him and Brother Beahm. Some consideration of financial arrangement with him, in the midst of which Brother T. F. Imler and Brother L. R. Brumbaugh left for the train to go to Lancaster City.

A few minutes later, Brother George Bucher also left, leaving the Board without a quorum at 5:35.

The third session of the seventh meeting, but without a quorum

Agreed that in case Brother Beahm could not teach, he should have the sum of \$300.00 for organizing and managing the affairs of the school, and at such time when he shall be able to do some teaching, the Board shall arrange for paying for such services.

While his duties cannot at this time be closely defined, his duties in a general way shall be those usually devolving upon the Principal.

NOTE: It should be noted here that Brother Beahm was an invalid at this time, and for some months, from a very serious nervous breakdown. It was the hope of his family that he would be able to recuperate some, so as to assist in the organization and maybe even do some teaching. But much to the regret of all of us Brother Beahm was bedfast long before the opening of school and was bed-ridden for the most part for years. He was not able to do a day's work during the years of my administration. Some references will appear from time to time in regard to his heroic struggle for his health and to our great gratification after some four years, he won his battle.

(end of note)

Minutes continued

Decided that at an early date, Brethren Hertzler, Imler, and Bucher, or as many as possible, shall have a conference with Brother Beahm and make such arrangements with him as in their judgment may be deemed necessary.

It is our conviction that a solicitor should be placed in the field at once and we should look about for a proper person to do such soliciting, both for money and patronage. Adjourned, 9:00 P. M.

G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary

EIGHTH MEETING, A memorable meeting and day.

Board of Trustee meeting at Elizabethtown. I started from home, 2:15 A.M. from Broad Street Station, 4:25; arrived at Elizabethtown, 7:15. Much business. Decided to build, at once, for \$15,000.00 and let the contract to

Brother B. G. Groff. I was elected (having been invited to withdraw during the proceedings) a teacher of Elizabethtown College at a salary of \$600.00. The matter came as a complete surprise and therefore could not accept desiring to consult Eva, (who is visiting her mother in Ohio). Ten day's time granted for me to consider. They pressed me to accept, especially Brother Beahm.

Left Elizabethtown at 3:04 P. M. Arrived at Philadelphia, 6:23. Attended with the children the graduating exercises of Sallie's class of nurses. Came home almost dead, little sleep last night and two hard days.

Board Meeting, June 11, 1900

The Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College met at the home of Brother S. H. Hertzler in Elizabethtown at 8:10 A.M.

The Meeting was opened by the usual devotional exercises, prayer being offered by the secretary.

Minutes were read of three short meetings held at the time of the District Meeting, one of which was without a quorum. Decided that all these minutes shall become a part of the official proceeding. Minutes approved as read.

The Committee appointed to visit Brother Beahm reported that he was willing to accept the work indicated and that as salary for such services of managing the affairs of the school, he shall receive not less than \$300.00 nor more than \$350.00.

Moved that negotiations entered into ^(s.c.) be several members of the Board with Sister Elizabeth Myer of Bareville be accepted by the Board and that she be considered hired at \$45.00 per month. Decided.

After some miscellaneous considerations bearing on different phases of our work, we proceeded to open the bids of the various contractors.

Bid of Brother B. G. Groff was \$15,000.00.

At this point the Secretary was asked to withdraw from the meeting. On being recalled, he was informed that he was elected as one of the teachers of

the college. The election being entirely unexpected, he was not ready to accept. On being asked on what conditions he could probably accept said that on account of circumstances he could not consider less than \$600.00 per school year. The Board expressed a willingness to pay that amount and granted ten days time for consideration.

Decided that Brother H. M. Long's application be considered "off" and that the Secretary so inform him.

Some time was spent in discussing as to whether or not we will build in view of the increase in cost of building over and above the amount first decided upon.

It was decided that Brother Joseph G. Heisey be appointed as a member on the Building Committee in place of Brother T. F. Imler resigned.

At this point we called Brother B. G. Groff to confer as to whether he could not make some concession on his bid. After considerable consultation and discussion, Brother Groff desired one hour's time for consideration.

The Secretary asked to be excused, to take the 3:04 P. M. train for Philadelphia. Unanimously agreed.

Decided that the resignation of Brother Nathan Hoffman as a member of the Board be accepted. (The secretary left)

Brother Imler consented to work up for donations before the coming Trustee election.

Brother Groff reports that he is willing to donate \$750.00 additional if his bid is accepted. Upon motion the contract was awarded to Brother Groff for \$15,000.00 less his donation of \$750.00

Adjourned,

G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary

Diary: Wednesday, June 13, 1900

A hard and busy day in correspondence, especially college business and asking advice of some Brethren as to whether or not I should accept Eliza-

bethtown offer and also a letter to Eva.

Diary: Saturday, June 16, 1900

I spent some time in reading and Saturday work preparing for Sunday. With all, I have spent much time in thought and prayer this week about the matter of deciding whether or not we shall go to Elizabethtown. It is a serious question and we must carefully consider before we decide. We shall not come to a hasty conclusion.

Diary: Monday, June 18, 1900

At 8:30 P. M. Brother J. Ziegler gave us a surprise. Came very unexpectedly. We talked until 12:00 midnight.

Diary: Tuesday, June 19, 1900

Brother Ziegler left at 9:00 A. M. He had come merely to have a talk about College Matters, Board of Trustee Meeting, Public Meeting to elect Trustees, but more especially to see if I was willing to accept the Call of the Board of Trustees to help Brother Beahm organize the College (which at best looked much like a make-shift, or just a plain mix-up compromise). I had told him concerning the Call of North Manchester College, and he was getting a little uneasy. I gave him to understand that I thought my first duty is to Eastern Pennsylvania; that Eva will abide by my decision in the matter, and that the tendency is toward Elizabethtown.

What tremendous consequences and results sometimes hang on our choosing in the Ordinary Problems of Life.

Diary: Thursday, June 21, 1900

The day's work was a big pull; and I feel much relieved.

Prayer meeting in the evening. A study in the History of the Early Church, Acts 2:1-30.

I wrote to Brother Ziegler that I accept the Call to Elizabethtown College. I write also to Eva (in Ohio.)

Diary: Wednesday, August 15, 1900

Soon after dinner Brother J. Kurtz Miller called. He was on his way home from a meeting in Maryland, intending to stop at Elizabethtown and Harrisburg. So we spent the afternoon and evening in talking. We talked until 11:00 P. M. I accomplished nothing, but enjoyed Brother Miller's visit. I retired, but not to sleep much.

Diary: Thursday, August 16, 1900

I arose at 1:30 A. M., having slept very little. I made ready, packed my valise, we had breakfast, and Mack, (my 5-year old son) Brother Miller, and I, started for Elizabethtown about 2:40. We left Broad Street Station at 4:25, a little late however, and arrived at Elizabethtown at 7:20. Met Brother Bucher in Lancaster. We went to Brother Riders and Mack and I had a little breakfast.

Other Trustees of the College came later and we could not begin work until 11:00. We had a long hard session - much important business. Prayer meeting in the evening at the Meeting-house. Brother Miller and Brother Beahm, principal elect, were present part of the time in Trustee Meeting. The Building (main College building) is well under way, basement almost completed.

These are days of important proceedings. Brother Ziegler and I were appointed to get out the catalogue, and I told him the work must be done tomorrow. We remained all night at Brother Hertzlers.

Diary, Friday, August 17, 1900

Brother Jesse Ziegler and I spent the day on the new College Catalogue. It was one of the hardest days of my life. Brother Ziegler elected me chairman and I elected him secretary. Brother Beahm, though a member of the committee, ex-officio, could give us no service whatever. I am almost discouraged with him.

He seemed to have settled down to the conviction that he is an invalid.

He is still almost helpless. He walks with much difficulty on two canes. When the Principal should be the embodiment of tremendous energy, I pity him and the principalship. I hope the Lord will direct him. Brother Ziegler went home in the evening. Mack and I went to Brother Rider's to stay all night.

Diary: Saturday, August 18, 1900

Mack and I left Elizabethtown soon after 7:00. We arrived home at noon. Preparation for Sunday.

Diary: Monday, August 20, 1900

At 2:00 P. M. I started for Collegeville and arrived at 4:20 after a little delay.

Sister Ziegler met me at the trolley. Brother Ziegler had been threshing. We arrived home just at supper time. I had been intended Brother Beahm and Sister Meyer should finish the catalogue by making a few additions. But before leaving Elizabethtown, I found it was useless to think of getting any such work out of Brother Beahm. He was not able to do anything. I found too that some of our work needed revising, especially did I see that needed to revise my courses. Brother Ziegler was rather busy and he suggested that we proceed to work at once, after supper. We did so, and continued until 10:00 P. M. Samuel (brother Ziegler's oldest son) recopied our work as we proceeded.

Diary: Tuesday, August 21, 1900

Brother Ziegler had in mind to thresh again intending that we could finish by 10:00, so we went to work promptly after breakfast. I dictated much, but all working and making suggestions; Brother Ziegler wrote as secretary and Brother Samuel copied as before. We worked hard and constantly, but dinner came and we were not done. There was no threshing. Harry and Mary (now Sister Mary Hertzler) went to the Sunday School Convention, and Warren did some resting. We work several hours after dinner and then closed up the ? for first catalogue of Elizabethtown College. It is rather brief,

but we are well pleased in the main. It will be a little more than 20 pages. Brother Ziegler took me to the trolley and I arrived home before dark.

Elizabethtown, Pa.
August 16, 1900

The Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College met in Elizabethtown at the home of Brother J. H. Rider at 10:45 A. M.

There were present: Brethren Ziegler, Hertzler, Rider, Bucher, Henry, Falkenstein, and absent: Brethren Imler, Brumbaugh, Kilhefner.

There were present, as visitors, Brethren I. N. H. Beahm and J. Kurtz Miller and the President called on the latter to lead in the devotional Exercises.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President were one by one re-elected unanimously, the officers for the ensuing year.

Report of the Share Holders Meeting for election of Trustees. The report of the Committee of Tellers is as follows: Brethren George Bucher, T. F. Imler, D. Kilhefner elected for three years. Brother L. R. Brumbaugh elected for one year. The above election took place at Elizabethtown, Pa., June 25, 1900.

The resignation of Elder T. F. Imler was read and considered and accepted on account of reason given, viz: Too much to do, (but with reluctance).

Adjourned for dinner, 11:40. Convened at 12:15. Some discussion on filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Brother Imler.

Isaac B. Royer, of Reistville, Pa. was elected and Secretary so informed him.

It was decided that Brethren Falkenstein, Ziegler, and Sister Elizabeth Meyer and Brother Beahm, as ex-officia, be appointed as a Committee on

Catalogue, text-books, printing and stationery.

Next followed some consideration on employing an additional teacher.

Several applications were presented and on the recommendation of Brother Beahm, it was decided to employ Brother J. A. Seese, of Arden Va. Decided to pay him \$30.00 per month then he to pay his board and the Trustees can make any change that may be necessary in the price of board, etc.

Decided that the Catalogue Committee also constitutes a committee on program for "opening day".

THE KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM SET-UP, Etc.

The time for the opening day and the length of lessons shall be referred to the catalogue committee.

Decided that we proceed to drill a well to furnish the water supply.

Decided that the building be wired for electricity.

Decided that we place key-stones above the windows, according to Brother Groff's suggestion, the same not to cost more the \$45.00 or \$60.00 of which Brother Groff pays one-fourth.

THE NEW DEPARTMENT

Decided that Sister Beahm shall be matron, and for her services, the family of six shall receive their board and their room rent, they to occupy one of the large recitation rooms. Sister Beahm's sister shall be cook, and receive two dollars per week. These services for school year.

Adjourned in time to visit the college building, now in process of erection, before dark.

G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary

IN THE FIELD

I spent more than a week in the field in Adams and York Counties, on an exploring trip, advertising the new College about to open its doors, and listing and cultivating some "prospects" among friends, old and new, holding some meetings along the way, in the "old Home Congregations".

I also paid a neighborly and friendly visit to Maryland Collegiate Institute at Union Bridge, Maryland, which was organized about one year before Elizabethtown.

Diary: Thursday, September 27, 1900

I am tired out with two days company. I am busy but accomplish comparatively little, as I should and would like. I am crowded with work. I must soon take "the field" again. I should work each day with giant strength.

Diary: Monday, October 1, 1900

Considerable miscellaneous work. Preparation for going away; also some planning, resting, etc, besides reading. Regular business meeting in the evening. Towards evening Brother and Sister L. R. Brumbaugh of Eastern Shore, Maryland, came. We talked until about 10:30 and I then worked until after 12:00.

Diary: Tuesday, October 2, 1900

Brother Brumbaugh and I arose at 2:00 and left Broad Street Station at 4:25 on our way to Elizabethtown to attend Trustee Meeting. We arrived at 7:10 and went direct to College grounds and then to Brother Rider's new house, (which I want to rent) and then to the home of Brother Hertzler where the meeting was held. Convened at 11:00 A. M. See minutes. Much business. Did not finish. At Bible reading in the evening. Brethren Bucher, Brumbaugh, Ziegler, and I remained at Brother Reider's all night. All tired. I was especially so, not having slept.

Diary: Wednesday, October 3, 1900

We all four went to Lancaster. I called on F. R. Diffenderfer and also on Rider and Snyder and then went to the church. The other Brethren went at once to the Brethren Church. At about 10:00 we went into session (adjourned session from Elizabethtown) as a Board of Trustee and remained in session until 12:00. Much business. Could not finish. See minutes. At

1:30 the Ministerial Meeting opened with good attendance and spirit. See program and my notes on discussion.

So our work is again interrupted and more or less thrown into confusion or hurriedly disposed of into hands of Committee.

Elizabethtown, Pa.
October 2, 1900

The Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College met in Elizabethtown at the home of Brother S. H. Hertzler at 11:20 A. M.

Members present, Brethren Ziegler, Rider, Hertzler, Bucher, Brumbaugh, Kilhefner, Falkenstein. Member absent, Brother M. R. Henry.

The first business was to give audience to a representative of the York Safe and Lock Company, York, Pa., in reference to doors for fireproof vault. After favorable consideration the matter was placed in the hands of the Building Committee.

Adjourned for dinner at 11:50, and resumed our work at 12:45.

We formally opened our work by the usual devotional exercises. Brother L. R. Brumbaugh leading in prayer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The secretary read a letter from Brother Isaac B. Royer refusing to accept the office of Trustee. The resignation, or refusal, was accepted and Brother Edward Wenger was elected from Fredericksburg, Pa.

The Secretary reported the work he had done in York and part of Adams County, Pa., and expressed himself as finding encouraging prospects for the future with probability of a few students in the near future.

The Building Committee reports the progress on the College Building. There was expression of regret because of some delays and disappointments in the progress of the work.

Brother Hertzler reported on the financial conditions and a large amount of time was used in considering and counseling as to ways and means to meet

the present amounts or payments now due. He states that the amount now paid, is \$3,300.00, while \$4,400.00 is due.

Decided that we solicit all we can as individuals and several members find out where money can be had, the largest amount at the lowest rate, and when all such sources are exhausted and borrow on their personal responsibility that part of the College grounds which is to be sold in lots. All money from all sources realized shall be appropriated to reduce first such personal responsibilities of said Trustees.

Brethren Joseph G. Heisey and S. H. Hertzler were appointed a Committee to make inquiry where a sum could be negotiated as above stated; and it is further agreed that a mortgage shall be given as security for said loan. Such mortgage shall be given on the College Property which includes the College Building and the ten acre campus. Adjourned for supper.

Adjourned Meeting - Lancaster, Pa.
October 3, 1900

The Board of Trustees met in adjourned session in the Brethren Meeting House in Lancaster City.

There was some time spent in miscellaneous conference and consideration.

Decided that Brethren Falkenstein and Hertzler constitute the Committee on Furniture. Adjourned.

G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary

Diary: Tuesday, October 9, 1900

I am doing much work in planning and arranging for my school work in the field. Not being in the best working condition and so many things to do and think about. I am struggling somewhat as a man who is beyond his depths. I hope I may soon be able to wade again.

Diary: Friday, October 12, 1900

In the evening, correspondence. Much planning on school matters.

Diary: Saturday, October 13, 1900

Considerable correspondence, working on text-books for Elizabethtown College. Preparation for Sunday work.

Diary: Tuesday, October 16, 1900

Doing much planning for College work.

Diary: Wednesday, October 17, 1900

This day largely spent in planning and writing for catalogues of text-books and also doing some writing on the subject of furniture.

Diary: Sunday, October 21, 1900

Sister Ziegler, boys and I leave (had been visiting at our place)

After church, in the evening, I went with Sister Ziegler and the boys starting at 9:00 P. M. at Norristown, we met Brother Ziegler at 10:00. Arrived at Collegeville, 11:00 and at their home at 12:00.

Diary: Monday, October 22, 1900

As stated, I came up last evening. Brother Ziegler attended to some business in the morning, and then we proceeded to business. We spent quite a busy day, mainly on the subject of textbooks for Elizabethtown College. In connection therewith we discussed and considered many other things in reference to our work. We worked hard and we accomplished a good deal. See my notes.

Brother Ziegler took me to the trolley at 6:00 P. M.

Diary: Wednesday, October 24, 1900

Much remained to be done when Brother Ziegler and I separated, and this day was largely spent in selecting and considering further different text-books and where to buy, etc. Besides this, some correspondence and miscellaneous work.

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE ADDS DOMESTIC DUTIES

Diary: Thursday, October 25, 1900

This was a busy day in more ways than one. Eva feels well and com-

menced to tear around and sweep and dust the upstairs. I brought the bedding downstairs, to dust, and air (hang on the line). Some needed cleaning in the yard, directing Holmes in his play. I was still working some on textbooks. Considerable correspondence. Thinking and planning and writing on College business, and College work. Things are gradually getting into shape.

Diary: Friday, October 26, 1900

Pennsylvania German Society meets at Easton, Pa. I started early for Easton to attend the meeting of the Society.

I left before the Meeting was over in the afternoon and stopped at Coopersburg. I walked two miles into the country to see Brother Benjamin Hottel about College prospects in his district.

Diary: Saturday, October 27, 1900

Brother B. H. and I talked until after 11:00 last evening. My work was satisfactory and a pleasant talk about church matters and child-training, etc. He is an interesting Brother. After returning home, I had a very busy and successful day, in correspondence and preparation for Sunday.

Diary: Monday, October 29, 1900

Some miscellaneous work, and planning various things connected with our school work. There is just so much that needs attention.

Diary: Tuesday, October 30, 1900

The day was spent as all my days are practically spent now in the interests of the College. This was outlining various things, library and reading room and College correspondence.

It was a busy day and hard work and yet some callers.

Diary: Thursday, November 1, 1900

I took the early train, 4:25 for Elizabethtown and the day was a busy one. I consulted Brethren Hertzler on furniture and Ziegler on Program, etc. Preaching forenoon and afternoon and Lovefeast in the evening. Many visitors,

large feast, and a pleasant meeting. Brother Orville Long officiated. I preached on feet washing.

Diary: Friday, November 2, 1900

All responsibilities of preparing for "opening of school" rests upon me.

Preaching services in the forenoon:- Brother J. P. Lehman, I, and Brother W. E. Roop, etc., preached. I made some calls, and attended to business-in the evening went to Brother Hottenstein in the country and ordered chairs and tables for opening of school. Remained all night at Brother Simon Engles.

Diary: Saturday, November 3, 1900

Called on Brother Beahm, made several business calls, arranged for a place to hold exercises for opening day, Elizabethtown College. Everything almost is left on my hands.

Next I wrote a program and went to Lancaster to have programs printed for "Opening Day". See copies on file. Also went to New Era Office to see about my book - illustrations, etc. etc. I have spent a busy time since arriving at Elizabethtown and did very successful business, in arranging matters generally for College Opening, etc.

Diary: Thursday, November 8, 1900

I had intended to visit (official) a few folks yet, but it rained all forenoon so that I did not make any calls. The deacons deserted me entirely - so far as making the official visit is concerned. Brother Fahnestock for the second time did nothing at all (he soon left the Brethren). Francis helped me some.

I helped in the afternoon to arrange things for the love-feast,-this is now the fifteenth time that I carried the pitchers and offerings, etc. (from the parsonage to the church) and it seems the last time. Some visitors came early,-especially Sister Reiff and her two daughters, Sister Kratz,

(living today) and Sister Brunner. Then a little later came Brother A. L. Grater, (Elder of Mingo) and Sister Grater and still later some city folks, quite a number. Still raining (drizzling) in the evening. Very pleasant feast. Brother Walter Long officiated. Sister R. and daughters and Bro. and Sister Grater remained all night. We talked until after 12:00.

The Closing Scenes. CAUTION

All seemed to have enjoyed so much the Communion Services. Good attendance of members and almost as many outsiders as we could comfortably accommodate.

Diary: Friday, November 9, 1900 - Ordering Text-books for Elizabethtown College.

Sister Reiff and daughters left first about 8:50. They seemed delighted with their visit to our place. Brother & Sister Grater left about 10:00, by trolley to Norristown. Then began the work of restoring the Lovefeast equipment to their places. This I have now done for the fifteenth Lovefeast, handling 100 articles and I have never broken or injured a single article, pitcher, plate, or mug.

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

As will be noted above, and between the lines, I could scarcely lay aside the interests, and work of Elizabethtown College long enough to hold Lovefeast and Communion Services at dear old Germantown, and as soon as the visitors had gone, and things re-arranged, I settled down to correspondence and ordering text-books, and lest someone should inquire, "What has this Germantown Lovefeast and Communion Service (the fifteenth and the last one I held for Germantown) to do with the organization of Elizabethtown College?" Anticipating this enables me to say that this lovefeast occasion constitutes an important view-point in the setting and background which Germantown occupied. For 23½ months, or the period of preliminary organization, Germantown was the center of activity of the work of the Secretary of the Committee on Location";

"The Locating Committee"; and "The Board of Trustees". For many months, often daily correspondence went out and came in; and often entire days were spent in correspondence when Public Meetings or other occasions required. In my little back room, off the dining room (my study and library) lighted by one window by day and a coal oil lamp by night, at my desk, (at which I now write) and among my books. I wrote my Committee reports, made my records, and wrote my diaries and planned my final preparations for "Opening College". And in the midst of these same surroundings, during the almost eight years of my pastorate, I worked out the more than seven hundred sermons that I preached from the Germantown pulpit besides many series of meetings.

AND THE WHOLE SCENE MOVES TO ELIZABETHTOWN

Diary: Saturday, November 10, 1900

It was a busy day with correspondence, besides the usual miscellaneous and Sunday Preparation.

Diary, Monday, November 12, 1900

It was a busy day, doing various errands, purchasing some book-room supplies, getting ready to leave for Elizabethtown. I left Broad Street Station at 4:25 and arrived at Elizabethtown at 6:53. Kurwin D. H. was already there. We are on the eve of "Opening the College". Many things to arrange for yet. All things mainly wait for my coming. Brother Rider's home is not ready for the school to open there. Some thought we could not have school, therefore. I soon decided the matter by engaging the room (hall) in the A. Heisey block where the "Opening Exercises are to be held".

Diary, OPENING DAY of Elizabethtown College, November 13, 1900

See the program of "Opening Day" and my notes of the various speeches or addresses. Busy getting things in shape in the forenoon. The Board of Trustees were at Brother A. Buchs for dinner. Exercises appointed for 1:30 opened shortly before 2:00. Among the unexpected was Brother T. T. Myers,

Upland, Pa., Philadelphia Church) About 100 persons present, some over that number. Splendid exercises. All seemed pleased. I took notes on all addresses delivered. We had supper (Board of Trustees) at Brother Riders and then had a meeting of the Board and transacted some necessary financial business, etc. Brother Seese arrived from Virginia during the evening. I enrolled a few students in the afternoon before we separated.

Diary: 11-13-1900

We went to our lodging place in the evening. Brother Seese, Brother Warren Ziegler, Brother Walter Kittinger, Brother Rufus Bucher, Brother Kurvin Henry, my nephew, and I all room at the same place, Brother Wittles. We sleep upstairs in two rooms, and study downstairs in the front room. Kurvin and I room together. We have a nice place. We all board at Sister I. N. H. Beahm's. We are comfortably located all around. Actual work tomorrow.

Diary: Wednesday, November 14, 1900

This is the first day of actual work, in Elizabethtown College. I had announced that we meet in the morning in the large upper room (hall) in the Heisey block. There was plenty of work and preliminary arrangement. There were willing hands to assist. I unpacked books and arranged and marked and distributed.

I registered the boys' classified them, and assigned their studies. We had Chapel at about 10:00 A. M. I read the 23rd Psalm. See list of Scripture readings during these first weeks. I directed Sister Myer to examine the boys in arithmetic and classify them and assign their work. In the afternoon two lessons were recited. All other lessons assigned and much preliminary work done. I wrote out program for recitations, full day. Down to real business. The boys: - "The Faithful Six": Kurvin David Henry (Sister Barbara's son) Brother Warren Horning Ziegler, Brother Rufus Bucher,

John K. Boll, Brother Walter A. Kittinger, Willis Heisey. These are the first students of Elizabethtown College and their names shall go down on record. My fellow teachers are:- Sister Elizabeth Myer, and Brother J. A. Seese. Brother I. N. H. Beahm is principal elect, but has been an invalid for more than a year, and is at this time almost entirely helpless.

This is the beginning of the actual work - small and yet very auspicious. The Lord knows the end from the beginning. We do not, but I desire 75 students enrolled before the close of the school year,- Bible and all, and I ask the Lord for the same here and now! Lord grant it!

End of first day of actual work

The Board of Trustees were present on Opening Day Exercises as noted in my Diary records in the above account and in the evening held the eleventh meeting of the Board. Some important items are as follows:

7:30 P. M. Elizabethtown, Pa., November 13, 1900

The Board of Trustees of Elizabethtown College met at the home of Brother J. H. Rider at 7:30.

Members present: Brethren Ziegler, Rider, Hertzler, Bucher, Henry, Wenger, Falkenstein. Members absent: Brethren Brumbaugh and Kilhefner.

Brother (Elder) S. R. Zug was present as a visitor.

Minutes of last meeting and adjourned meeting were read and approved.

Brethren Rider and Hertzler reported their inquiry in reference to a loan on the College Building or College Property. Reported that \$7,000.00 or \$8,000.00 could be had at 5%.

Some report on the finances by the Treasurer, Brother S. H. Hertzler was next made.

The loan of \$2,000.00 made on the personal paper of Brethren Rider and Hertzler was approved by the Board.

Some discussion of prospects for students. Nothing definite can be said

at this time of the enrollment, the prospects, in a general way, are good.

There was some general discussion (without action)

Decided that the Board of Trustees allow Brother Walter Kittinger credit on his tuition for such work as he can do in case of fires and sweeping, etc.

Decided that the Board enter a protest against Brother Groff for dragging the work on the College Building and that he shall be urged by all means to push the work.

G. N. Falkenstein, Secretary

NOTE:- Because of the many mistakes and much misrepresentation of what happened in these early days and where it all happened I have quoted from my Diary Notes an accurate and somewhat detailed account in order to give an intelligent view of what it is all about. Some time in the years past there have been accounts by persons who were not there and had no accurate information. Maybe it makes little or no difference with some people but I am writing for the people who have a sense of value of historic facts.

There has come upon the scene now, a new and entirely different era to which the former things were only preliminary steps. They made their contribution and passed out of existence.

The Public Meetings one by one were important steps toward a developing program and in turn they designated certain Committees by election to whom they gave specific and definite duties to perform and report to the succeeding Public Meeting for ratification.

The Committee on Location canvassed the field for sites, reported, and died.

Then the Committee that Located the College reported to the last Public Meeting and was succeeded by the Board of Trustees, which was the permanent guiding and directing power by election and re-election.

And so, by many meetings and preliminary steps, in due time, that Board

of Trustees organized in a small way and through faculty what was to be and became Elizabethtown College.

And this is the new era, wholly different from the former things that we call steps in the developing program.

Notwithstanding the early discouragements, the hard struggles, some disappointments, some defeats, and maybe some failures, I hope to give some interesting details in the unfolding of the picture, and tracing the weave of the pattern.

Diary: Thursday, November 15, 1900

We were in full running order, full program.

I teach, besides my other work of correspondence; attending to details; arranging textbooks; completing the list, filling bills, and other office work; I had a book agent for several hours in the evening, - American Book Company. He was chagrined to think that we had selected many of our books and opened school without him knowing it. He is a good agent; he can tell the good qualities of his books. He is a little weak in this, - that he makes too much of the weak points of the other man's books.

I give Brother Beahm massage treatment and surface rubbing. I have my hands (and my head) full, with many details. Some time on correspondence. I am tired, tired these days.

Diary: Friday, November 16, 1900

Some correspondence to Brethren in the country, having students, - Brethren Hiestand and Witmer. Things are getting in fair shape in our school work. It begins to look like school and feel like it. Sister Myer is proving herself to be an excellent teacher.

The boys are settling down to good work, and most of them are going to be good students, in conduct and work. After the first week, (three days, actual work) I started for Philadelphia at 7:35 P. M. All our boys at the depot, at Philadelphia, 10:20 Home 11:30.

Diary: Sunday, November 18, 1900

I preached twice, as usual, at Germantown, and people would not have suspected that I organized a College during the week, 87 miles away.

Diary: Monday, November 19, 1900 "Moving Elizabethtown College"

I arose after 4:00, did some work, correspondence, and left Broad Street Station at 7:30. Arrived at Elizabethtown, 10:35. Attended to considerable correspondence and the details for moving from the Heisey Block (large upper room) to Brother Rider's new house. After school work, we moved tables, chairs and some books, one hour, 3 loads - Brother Rider's hardware wagon, with two horses. I had a long and busy and hard day, and was very tired. I was nearly worn out. Brother Hertzler arrived home today and he will be of some help to me in various ways.

I gave Brother Beahn massage treatment.

Diary: Tuesday, November 20, 1900

Willis Heisey offered to bring their horse and a wagon to move the balance of books and boxes and we did so before Chapel. I at once commenced to put things in shape, - bookroom, office, Chapel, Recitation rooms, etc.

I am delighted with the new place and I think the teachers and students generally are pleased. (From time to time see correspondence with Eva and the children for incidents and accounts of these early school days).

The lay-out of our new school home

The front room is the book-room, office, reading-room and library. The next room is the Chapel, recitation-room. The next room is the study-room, and also a recitation-room. The back room is the cloak and hat room (dressing-room) and store-room. Good light and heat.

I succeed in putting things in good shape during the day. I feel at home. My work seems natural to me, in the class-room.

Diary: Wednesday, November 21, 1900

I spent considerable time in correspondence. There was the usual routine -

miscellaneous work. Much walking to and from meals, school and waiting on Brother Beahm.

Diary: Thursday, November 22, 1900

I had a long talk with Brother Walter Kittinger in the morning, telling him about his work, what he is expected to do in janitor work, in his studies and conduct. Had a long talk about his smoking, and he promised me to stop his smoking. The usual routine of work, reading, and teaching, and some correspondence. In the evening, Brother Hertzler and I drove down to Chiques Hill, 6 miles to meeting, (Series) and after the sermon by Brother J. Pfautz, I was pressed to occupy 15 or 20 minutes. I occupied 20 minutes. We drove home after service, rather late. It was a busy day all around and tomorrow is another.

IN THE FIELD SOLICITING STUDENTS

Diary: Friday, November 23, 1900

Brother S. H. Hertzler and I have been planning for some time to spend a day or so in the field, for students. He furnishing the horse and buggy. We did not get a very early start, as we attended to some business before leaving town. We went to see Brother B. G. Groff, our contractor, about plasterers. The time is passing rapidly and there are but two men lathing. We are getting very uneasy at the time lost here and the delay that must come. The plastering will hold everything else back in a little while. We talked with him some time, without making much impression. He did not want to yield, saying plasterers are hard to get. Clearly he wanted to wait until the heat is in. He is to furnish his own heat. And there is every indication that the plasterers had planned a winter's job. It had been freely stated by some workmen that the building would not be ready for school purposes until April. Well, we passed the matter of more workmen, and he finally promised that he secure twelve plasterers instead of six, as intended. We started on our trip. We made many calls, some were to be real prospects, almost sure students (many details of this trip, in my Diary, are omitted here). (Well, some changed

their minds, and went elsewhere - Scranton, etc.) It was a hard day, drove between 20 and 25 miles. We arrived at P. R. R. depot, Elizabethtown, at 7:35, just in time for train to Philadelphia, where I arrived at 10:20 and home at 11:30.

Diary: Monday, November 26, 1900

This day was spent mostly at Germantown, as I expected to see or hear from, or both, from Alexander Mack Fox in reference to an interview (I had a promise for a contribution to the College project, the amount talked of, \$500.00.) I did not see him, nor did I hear.-- Then went on to the city, intending to do some business, but the trolleys were delayed, I had no time in consequence. I left Broad Street Station 4:25 and arrived at Elizabethtown about 7:00.

So this day was as good as Friday and many others during those early struggles.

Diary: Tuesday, November 27, 1900

Some back work to do. Gave Brother Beahm massage treatment. I usually give him three times a week, but this time can only give him twice. Went to see Brother Hertzler. Some miscellaneous work. Some correspondence. Bible study in the evening.

Diary: Wednesday, November 28, 1900

Gave Brother Beahm magnetic treatment (by clasping his ankles in my hands) hoping to be rejuvenated by my overflow of vital fluid. I continued for 20 minutes. I had no faith in it, but I was interested in him and was anxious to help him if I could, even though it seemed utterly useless. I suppose the trouble was I had no overflow of "vital fluid" for I was often utterly exhausted, carrying his work and mine, besides giving him so much of my time in personal attention, in service, and treatment.

Was out at the College building. Not feeling very well in the evening, I retired early. I decided to have school tomorrow.

DIARY: Thursday, November 29, 1900 "THANKSGIVING"

These are all busy days, ever since the opening of school. I don't always do much. There is so much thinking and planning to be done. I am, in consequence, busy when I do nothing and busy when I rest.

School was to close, December 24, the day before Christmas, but there being only one day school in that week, (Christmas being on Tuesday) I decided we could have school today and then close on Saturday, December 22. I presented the matter to the teachers and all interested were agreed.

Reading history. Some visitors called at the school-rooms. Teaching, correspondence, massage treatment. Preparing sermon, I preached Thanksgiving Sermon in the evening. Was well received, I may well say. The Lord be praised and not I.

Diary, Friday, November 30, 1900

IN A NEW FIELD AND A NEW JOB IN OUR WIDENING EXPERIENCES

A busy day at and around the College Building. Brother S. H. Hertzler and I went out to the Building to view, to plan and to measure the rooms. We measured all the rooms, dormitories, etc. for carpets. Planning for furniture, of all kinds, and all necessary furnishings, and equipment. We came home and went back again at 2:00 P. M. We spent a busy day accomplishing much less than we wanted to.

Diary: Friday, November 30, 1900

It will require many days yet of planning and working between now and January 1, 1901. At the same hour as before, I left 7:35 P.M. for Philadelphia and arrived home at 11:30. All sound asleep and well.

Diary: Monday, December 3, 1900

I arose soon after 2:00 A. M. and left Broad Street Station at 4:25; arrived at Elizabethtown at 7:00 in time to get some breakfast. I slept in Philadelphia and ate my breakfast in Elizabethtown, 87 miles distant. We

are living in fast age. This was 40 years ago and is now out of date. Make your own comparison. A busy day for the first of this week. I gave Brother Beahn massage treatment. Varied work about the school, reading, teaching. The afternoon Brother S. H. Hertzler and I spent on planning and selecting furniture and furnishings for College Building. There is much work to be done along this line, and should all be done this week.

Brother (Elder) J. H. Longenecker arrived and began his series of meetings in the evening. Good attendance for first evening. See notes on subjects from evening to evening.

Diary: Tuesday, December 4, 1900

Besides my usual work in and about the school rooms, I did some correspondence and Brother Hertzler and I did some work on furniture Committee. Some each day - and we are beginning to see some progress in our work.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT DETAILS

I have omitted many details and many details I have noted from time to time will be largely discontinued to give room for special changes and occasions, that are coming in the development of the school and the process of growth.

These details were not written for the casual "skipper" (if such a one has access to the archives, that would be satisfied with a bare skeleton or a mere outline of few facts.)

But I have written for those who are officially interested in the history of their Institution, who want to know the background, and the beginning of things; who have the Spirit of research to probe into the philosophy of history and the reasons why certain causes and effects have produced definite results and the bearing these might have on the later outlook and the future.

(1). My field work, soliciting students, both before and since "Opening" the College, will not be given details in routine effort, but only trip, or trips, of special effort, and importance.

(2). Our furniture Committee, for furnishing and equipping the College Building, is now well organized in its work and needs less of my personal attention.

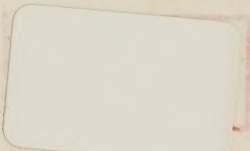
(3). My week-end trips and program in my Germantown pastorate will cease when we move to Elizabethtown and only a few more details remain.

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